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STORMWATER RUNOFF PREVENTION

Brian A. Fontes, Environmental Programs Coordinator

The Buena Vista Landfill and Ben Lomond Transfer Station along with thousands of other facilities in the State of California are required by the State Water Resources Control Board to prevent stormwater runoff which can cause significant harm to our local rivers, lakes, and coastal waterways. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is required by the State of California through the Industrial General Permit (IGP) to help mitigate and control the runoff of sediment, heavy metals, and oil and grease from our facilities. Our SWPPP is more than just a sediment and erosion control plan; it describes all landfill and transfer station activities

to prevent stormwater

contamination, control sedimentation, and comply with the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act of 1972.

One way that we are achieving our goal of reducing erosion and runoff from our facilities is by paving dirt roads throughout the Buena Vista landfill to comply and satisfy requirements of our IGP. In November 2021, landfill staff coordinated with the Roads Department to lead and assist landfill staff with paving efforts of our road leading to the old landfill.



Albert Eslit, Landfill Operations Manager said, "I am grateful to have other divisions of Public Works assist and support us at the landfill over the last few years including the Roads Department with this major project". Roads and Landfill staff spent several days spreading hot mix asphalt on the dirt roads and worked as a team to complete the goal at hand: protecting our local waterways so that future generations of people may enjoy clean and safe water bodies for many years to come.



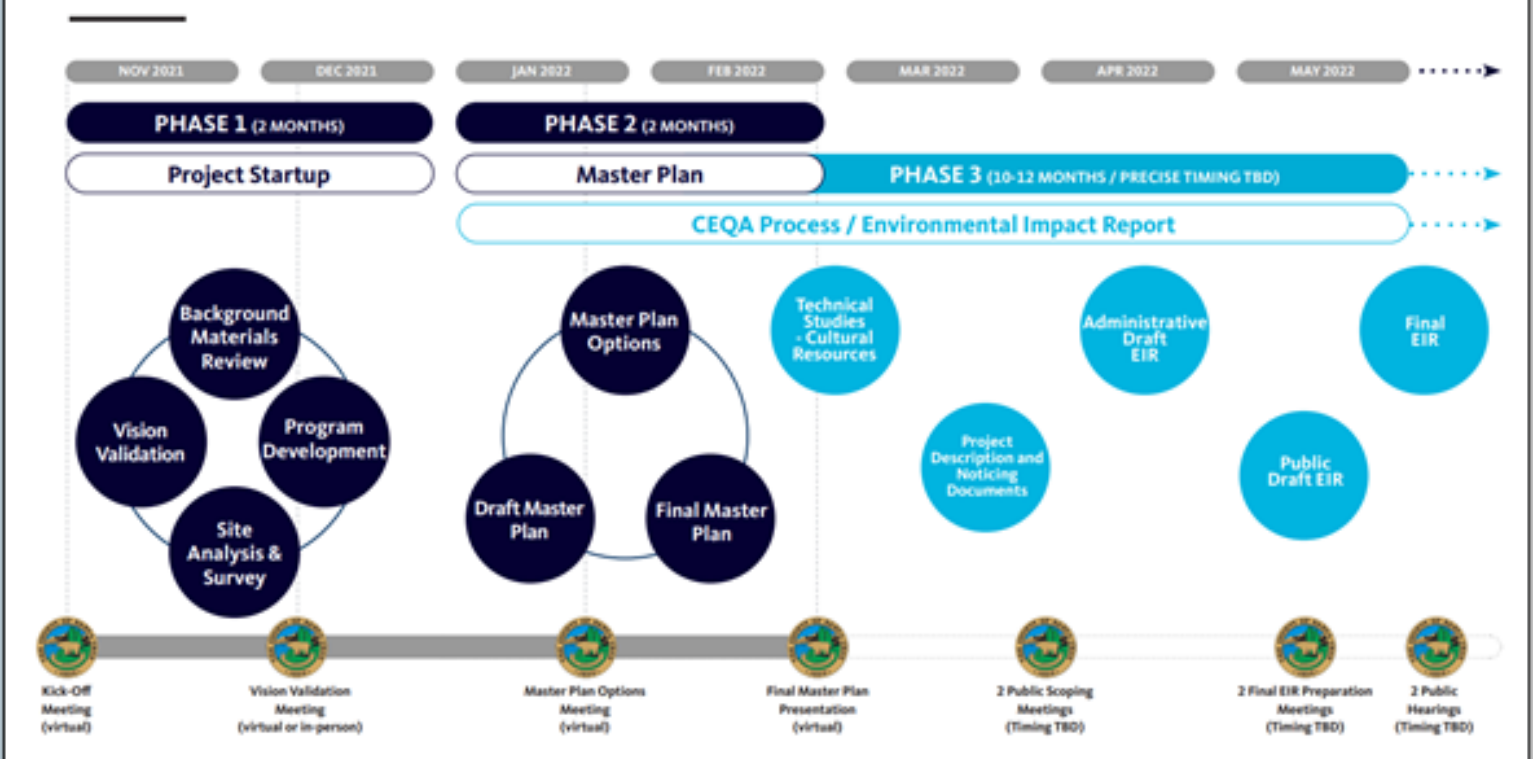
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FREEDOM BOULEVARD MASTER PLAN

Travis Cary, Director of Capital Projects

SCOPE & PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE



The Capital Projects Division is excited to announce that the master planning process for the County-owned Freedom Boulevard campus located at 1430 Freedom Boulevard in Watsonville is now underway! The Freedom Boulevard Master Plan project officially kicked off on October 27, 2021 and is currently in the data collection, visioning, and programming phase.

The Master Plan will establish a new long-term vision and redevelopment scenario for the Freedom campus, building on the recommendations of the recently completed Long-Range Facility Plan and Workplace Mobility Study completed with support from the County's planning consultant Gensler. The Capital Projects Division is working closely with the Health Services Agency and Gensler to build upon these previous capital planning efforts to develop a Master Plan that will enable redevelopment of the Freedom campus as a consolidated health services facility for the Health Services Agency and its partners.

The master planning process will include development of a comprehensive topographic survey of the existing site conditions and preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The initial planning phase of the project will take approximately four months, followed by the CEQA review/EIR process, which is expected to last 10-12 months depending on existing conditions review and the proposed redevelopment scenarios that are proposed for the site.

Completion of the Freedom Boulevard Master Plan project will be a monumental step forward for the County's capital facility planning program. The Master Plan will ensure expedited redevelopment of the Freedom Boulevard campus as construction funding becomes available, and when combined with the current redevelopment of the recently acquired South County Service Center property located at 500 Westridge Boulevard, represents a significant commitment by the County to optimize and enhance access to critical public services in South County.



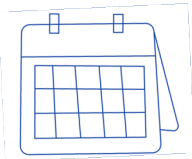
WINTER STORMS

Tim Bailey, Senior Civil Engineer

The Department of Public Works is continuing its efforts to repair roads that were damaged from the winter 2016/2017 storms. There were over 200 storm damage sites to County-maintained roads during the emergency declared storm events from that winter. Funding for the repairs is received from FEMA for local roads and from FHWA for roads classified as major collectors or arterials. Some sites were denied funding due to having been determined to have a pre-existing condition and the damage not being directly caused by the storms. A total of 190 sites were able to obtain funding for repairs. Of these 190, construction has been completed on 84 sites with another 15 in construction or currently out to bid. The remainder of the sites are in design development. There are seven FHWA funded projects worth a total of approximately \$7 million that have not yet received authorization for construction and will require a time extension approval from Caltrans and FHWA. Public Works anticipates that all these sites will obtain the extension and will be able to obtain construction authorization within the next few months.

Delays in the remaining sites are due to a variety of factors. Permitting from the regulatory agencies for projects is proving to be a time-consuming task for projects near streams. Several of the remaining sites require coordination with utility companies for relocation of their facilities. Other sites require easements for work extending outside of the existing County right of way.

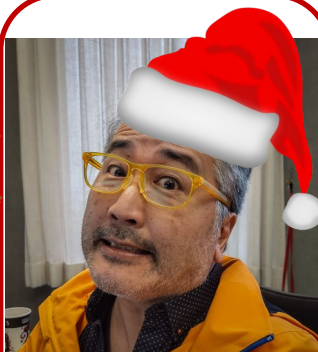




DPW UPDATES



Swing on by to sign our DPW Holiday wall card. Here's to a wonderful holiday season and that 2022 brings hope and happiness to you all.



Brian Miyakusu was the lucky winner of DPW's 50/50 Raffle. He generously donated all of his winnings to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Quintin Valadez

Sanitation Maintenance Worker I

Adriana Gutierrez

Cashier Disposal Site

PROMOTIONS

Sunni Goodreau

Departmental Administrative Analyst

Jose Avila - Medrano

Office Assistant I

Roberto Magana

Public Works Maintenance Worker IV

Reginald Beltran

Public Works Maintenance Worker III

Sandro Garcia

Treatment Plant Operator in Training

Robert Ouse

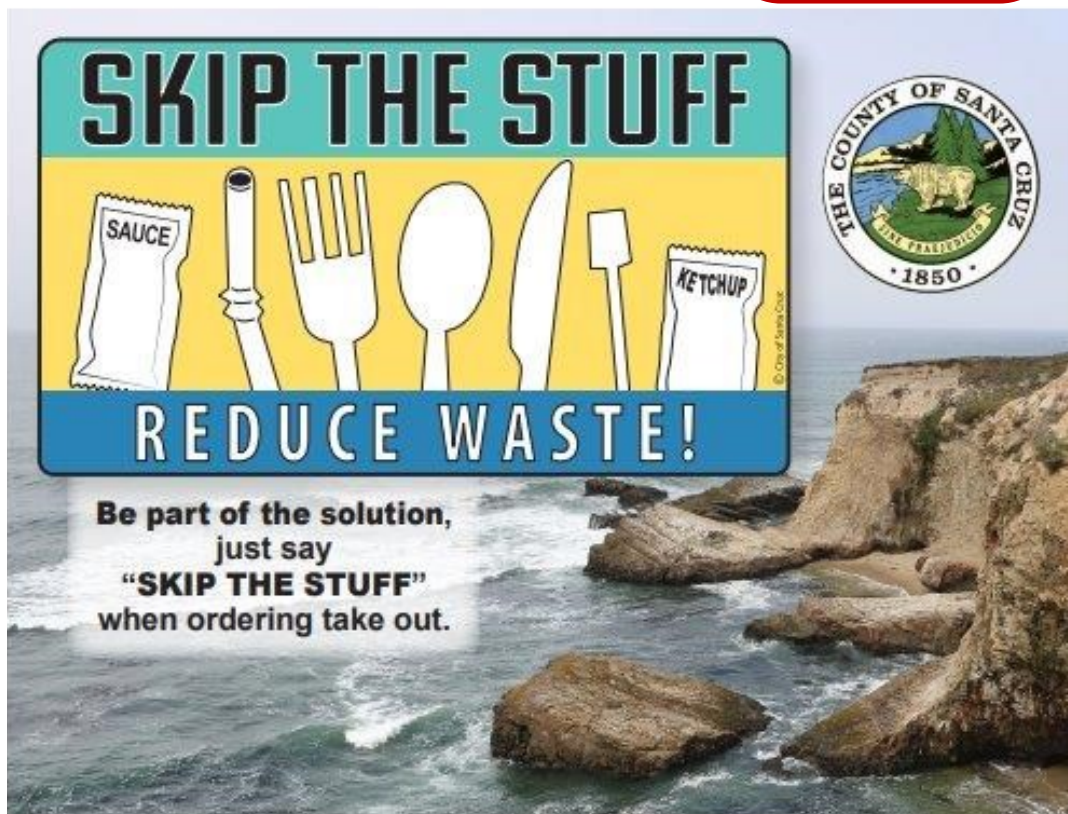
Heavy Equipment Operator

John Struckmeyer

Public Works Supervisor

RETIREES

Scott St Denis



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT - Do your part in reducing waste.



These three ladies compost on their properties for 6 to 10 families in Prospect Heights! They use Worm composting along with regular composting. These folks help to remove food waste from the landfill which helps to lower methane in our air.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity"

-Albert Einstein

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