

CEO Report December 7, 2020

1. CARES Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) project is progressing well under the administration of Eva, Richard, Nora, and Matt. We have weekly meetings to discuss progress/problems/resolutions. The most recent issue has been that the SNFs have been slow in submitting their documentation. Although the project is supposed to be complete by Dec. 1, we anticipate it will be more likely January to wrap things up. I want to acknowledge Christine's efforts in handling the Grants work for the last few months allowing Eva to focus on the SNFs full-time. Christine has been able to maintain the workflow and productivity.
2. The transition of Accountant from Joyce to Nora was completed in mid-November. We said good bye to Joyce, but she offered to address any future questions and we have taken her up on her offer.
3. Stephanie /CNA conducted another Mask Distribution on October 30. CNA gave away 30,000 masks.
4. I attended the Association for Fundraising Professional National Philanthropy Day online event on Nov. 6. RAP sponsored the event and was acknowledged.
5. I attended the Lift to Rise (LTR) board meetings on Nov. 3. LTR was featured on a PBS Newshour segment for the housing assistance fund. It was also mentioned by California Treasurer Ma in her Op-ed article in the Desert Sun which was also carried by other newspapers including the Press Enterprise.
6. I continue to participate in the AB 617 Community weekly meetings. Thankfully, they take place in late afternoon. There has been a great deal of discussion about the priority of air quality issues in the eastern CV, the timeline, and accountability. There has been community dissatisfaction with the approach that AQMD had taken which has been described as not being inclusive of community input.
7. I attended the County's Board of Governance meetings on Nov. 12 and Dec. 2. Funding allocations were made for State funds. This included \$505,788 for entities serving the 4th District.
8. As directed by the Executive Committee, Matt and I are working with Brian Yacker, an attorney with expertise with Fiscal Agencies and Sponsorships. We anticipate reviewing the latest information with the Executive Committee on Dec. 9 for direction on timeline to present to the Board for consideration.
9. I met with prospective board candidate Mike Rosenkrantz. The Nominations Committee will consider his application in January even though they had previously decided to not take action on recruiting for the 3 vacancies on the board. Mr. Rosenkrantz was invited to join the Dec. 9 board meeting to listen in.
10. I participated in Supervisor Perez's Green Ribbon committee meeting on Nov. 18. Topics included the Mental Health resources in the 4th Supervisorial Dist. For example, the different levels of care including the recently renovated Roy's Desert Springs facility, and the Skilled Nursing facility in Indio under construction.
11. At the request of board member Aurora Wilson, I conducted a Ralph M. Brown Act Training for staff. We utilized the curriculum previously used by the County which covered the key topics of different types of meetings, noticing requirements, documentation, etc.
12. I attended an event hosted by Supervisor Perez, Assemblyman Garcia and Congressman Ruiz at Tudor Ranch Inc. in Mecca on Nov. 25. The purpose of the event was to bring attention to the importance of farmworkers in our community and to share information about COVID safety measures, testing opportunities, financial resources to help if a person can not work.
13. Mireya and I were informed of the sale of the two properties (Cook and Hovley) located in the lot shared with RAP. The properties were purchased by Renova. We have a scheduled meeting with Vincent Battaglia, CEO and Founder on Dec. 7 to learn about their plans for their buildings.
14. I Plan on driving to Riverside with board member Jan Pye on Dec. 8 for Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting to address any questions that may be asked by the BOS about the Five Year Agreement.
15. I finally signed the Tobacco Grant Contract with the County. Anticipate starting this work in January and have hired Trini Arredondo to be Community Services Manager in charge of this work.
16. The RAP office will be closed Dec. 24 at noon – Jan. 1. When we return after New Year's Day, we will continue to work remotely until February and more than likely March.