



## Staff Report

### March 8, 2022

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Merrill Buck, Town Engineer  
**DATE:** March 1, 2022  
**RE:** Engineering Report (Information only, no action required)

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Update on noteworthy items in the Engineering Division.

#### **PROJECTS:**

The following projects are active, but on hold:

- ***Laird Road Rubberized Chip Seal*** – waiting until spring for better weather.
- ***Rule 20A Undergrounding on Sierra College Blvd.*** – waiting for Costco right of way dedication
- ***Sierra College Boulevard Widening*** – Project timeline is tied to Costco breaking ground.

The following projects are active, and moving forward:

#### ***Tree Pruning Project***

As of February 28<sup>th</sup>, tree trimming crews have started work. Initial streets to be completed include Saunders Avenue, Barton Road and Sierra College Boulevard. Ultimately, all of the Town's arterial and collector streets are being targeted for pruning.

#### ***Town Hall Building Repairs***

All work except for the new metal framed, fabric awning over the existing windows and doors in the back parking lot has been completed. Material is being sized to custom fit the building. About a month of lead time is needed, which should have the work wrapping up mid-April.

#### ***Concrete Repair Project***

Surveying was completed and base sheets were provided to the Town so that the Town Engineer could complete the design "in-house". To this end, the design addressing the drainage problem at the northeast corner of Horseshoe Bar Road and Taylor Road has been completed. Information has been shared with the contractor working at this location so that their on-site work will align with the ultimate grades of the reconstructed curb, gutter and sidewalk. The project will require the grinding of adjacent travel lanes and placement of new pavement following the completion of the concrete work. The thought is to try and schedule this work with other grinding work needed in town, either at the library parking lot, or in conjunction with this year's street resurfacing project. Constructing a small section of new sidewalk on Webb Street between Taylor Road and the Town's parking lot is also included as part of this project.

### ***Library Parking Lot ADA Improvements Project***

This project will rebuild the accessible parking stalls in front of the library to meet ADA slope requirements of no more than 2% in all directions. The concrete pathway leading from the parking lot to the library entrance will also need to be rebuilt as the cross slope is out of compliance. Surveying work is done. The design is underway.

### **DEVELOPMENT:**

#### ***The Grove (Humphrey Road)***

*Construction Phase* – Rough grading and underground utility work has been completed. Current work includes the construction of curb, gutter and sidewalk. The contractor anticipates having streets paved by the end of March, with home construction to start shortly thereafter.

### **UTILITY PERMITS:**

#### ***PG&E Taylor Road Gas Line Repairs***

The permanent, final asphalt patching of street sections that PG&E excavated to repair their gas line along Taylor Road has begun and should wrap up soon.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

#### ***Traffic Calming Requests***

A petition to install speed bumps on Bankhead Road south of Sierra College Boulevard was received and is awaiting the drafting of a policy that can be presented to Council for approval. Residents in the Sierra de Montserrat subdivision have also approached the town about installing traffic calming measures along Rutherford Canyon Road to control speeding. Two residents along the cut-through route that leads from Taylor Road to Horseshoe Bar Road using Circle Drive, Holly Street and Becky Way have also inquired as to ways that could control speeding. Other Engineering Division workload priorities have bumped being able to address these issues. Hopefully by the April Council meeting policy material can be formalized for presentation.

#### ***SB 1383 (State Mandated Organic Waste Reduction Act)***

Outstanding workload associated with SB 1383 compliance and the targeted timeframe for completing it is summarized below.

- MOU with Placer County so that they can help the Town administer the food recovery program. (April or May Council Meeting)
- Low population waiver that offers small Towns such as Loomis relief from some of the organic waste collection and recordkeeping requirements. (April or May Council Meeting)
- Franchise agreement amendment with Recology to incorporate hauler related requirements and to include cost-recovery for the additional, ongoing administrative effort that the SB 1383 regulations require. (In conjunction with the new Fiscal Year)
- Organic Waste Procurement either as compost, or possibly through Pioneer Community Energy (staff is looking into this), which is a non-profit, clean energy power provider which the Town is already partnering with. (Within the next month)
- Determine the level of educational outreach and recordkeeping required and put an action plan in place to implement. (Start in April so that the administrative time is eligible for reimbursement under the one-time, \$20,000 CalRecycle grant which has a start date of April 1<sup>st</sup>)