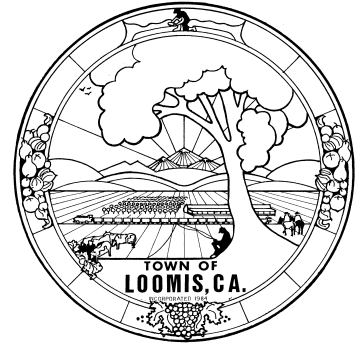


TOWN OF LOOMIS



TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: January 10, 2023
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for January 2023 Council Meeting

Mayor and Council Members,

The following report provides an update on some of the major activities Town Staff has been working on in the past month.

Storm Response

Our Public Works crew has done a phenomenal job of responding to the recent deluge of winter storms. While we have had some localized flooding and a few trees fall during the storm, the impacts so far have been relatively minor overall. Staff believes one key reason we have not seen the same number of trees falling as in the past is because of the tree pruning efforts undertaken the past two years.

Costco

Council made the final approvals of the Costco project during the November Council meeting. Assuming weather cooperates, Costco will break ground in February with an anticipated opening date in the early Fall.

Town Staff, Costco's design and construction management team, and PG&E's Rule 20A group have been holding biweekly meetings to coordinate the various improvements that are scheduled for Sierra College Boulevard at Brace Road. And to the credit of the various stakeholders, great progress is being made.

Right of way is proposed at this Council meeting for Town acceptance that will provide PG&E with the land rights they need to proceed with the undergrounding. Costco will be starting its tree removal as soon as the weather breaks and hope to finish their grading and storm drain modification work by mid-March. This will allow PG&E to complete the undergrounding with an April start, and end of June completion.

After that, Costco will start on the road widening and new signalized intersection improvements. Their hope is to be able to start stocking the warehouse early August and be open by September.

In addition to these improvements the Town is taking the lead on widening Sierra College Boulevard from Brace Road to Taylor Road. The environmental document for this project is being heard by the Planning Commission this month, and will be recommended for Council adoption in February, along with authorization to advertise the project for bids. Work should start by May and be completed in conjunction with the Costco frontage improvements wrapping up in August.

CalRecycle Rubberized Pavement Grant

The Town was successful with this competitive grant application that will reduce the cost of resurfacing with a rubber cape seal by about 15%. The maximum grant amount is \$250,000 and projects can be delivered over the next two years.

Striping on Recently-Slurry Sealed Streets

All the slurry seal work has been completed, along with some of the striping. However, cold weather and rain are hindering completion of the striping. Layout paint known as cat-tracks has been placed and approved by the Town Engineer. Work should wrap up by the end of January, weather permitting.

General Plan Update

Town Staff has been receiving chapters of the Administrative Draft EIR for internal review. Assuming progress continues at this pace we should be able to release the Draft EIR in the spring.

Hidden Grove Project

As you know, the Town received the formal application for the Hidden Grove project just before the Christmas holiday. That application is for a housing project, to be processed under a new California housing law called SB-330, located behind Raley's on the former Village at Loomis site.

The Town deemed the application complete back in July. The application can be found at: <https://loomis.ca.gov/hidden-grove-re-submittal-received-6-20-2022/>

With the application is complete, under SB-330, the Town had 60 days to determine if the project is consistent with the objective standards of the General Plan. The Town deemed the project inconsistent with the General Plan on September 26. You can find the determination letter at <https://storage.googleapis.com/proudcity/loomisca/uploads/2022/09/September-26-2022-consistency-letter.pdf>. Town Staff is now waiting for the developer's revisions to the project to bring it into consistency with the General Plan.

The Town is only allowed five public hearings under SB-330. The Town Attorney has prepared a memo that we hope provides a comprehensive review of SB 330 and how it impacts the planning process. That memo can be found here: <https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/town-of-loomis-sb-330-overview/>

Town Manager Tuesdays

As noted previously, Town Manager Tuesdays has moved to a quarterly format. The meetings will be held from 9 am to 10:30 am at the Loomis Train Depot on the fourth Tuesday at the end of each fiscal quarter.

The next meeting will be March 28, 2023.

These meetings are informal, without an agenda. They are meant as an opportunity for community members to discuss Town issues directly with the Town Manager.