

CARB Workshop and Expo



While many businesses in California struggle to keep up with California Air Resource Board rules and regulations the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce and Westrux International as Presenting Sponsor took action to make a difference by presenting a one of a kind event: “Get Up to Speed with CARB” at the San Gabriel Valley Corporate Campus.

Eloy Florez and Randy Opfer from CARB were on hand to discuss rules, regulations, compliance timelines and penalties for both public and private truck fleets. Topics included health and environmental effects, legacy rules, and Verified Diesel Emission Control Strategies (VDECS). A wide range of industry specific information was available and presented based on attendee input.

In the world of municipal fleets, the name **Tom Johnson** is well known and respected. Tom is the author of *100 Best Fleets in North America*, *Government Green Fleet of the Year Award* and *Government Fleet Manager of the Year Award*. Together with **Paul Condran** (Equipment Maintenance Manager for Culver City) and **Rick Longobart** (Fleet Manager for the City of Santa Ana), Tom communicated exactly what it takes to be an award winning fleet and shared the benefits of achieving such a level of excellence.

Chris Shimoda who is Manager of Environmental Policy for the California Trucking Association closed the day. Chris had a very powerful message to deliver about how companies can stay ahead of the compliance game by being pro-active.

Numerous exhibitors provided access to value-added products or services available to the California trucking community.

“Westrux is honored to be associated with this event. As a family owned organization with 5 locations in Southern California we understand the importance of teamwork. We strive to develop, nurture and expand long-term mutually beneficial relationships within the trucking and transportation community. This type of event is exactly what Westrux is about” said Xavier O. Campos, CMO of Westrux International.

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Calendar of Events



August 2012

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1	Environmental Committee	Noon	MillerCoors
2	Business Ambassador Mtg.	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Office
9	Luncheon Presenting Sponsor: Embassy Suites	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Embassy Suites Arcadia
14	IEF Board Meeting	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
23	Good Morning Irwindale	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
27	Board Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office

September 2012

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller -*




5	Environmental Committee	Noon	Acrylatex
6	Business Ambassador Mtg.	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Office
11	IEF Board Meeting	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
13	Environmental Awards Luncheon	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	City of Hope
20	Mega Mixer	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Inland Community Bank
24	Board Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
27	GMI/Mini Expo	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
27	Octoberfest Multi Chamber Mixer	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Doubletree Claremont

October 2012

*"There are nights when the wolves are silent
and only the moon howls. -George Carlin-*



3	Environmental Committee	Noon	TBD
4	Business Ambassador Mtg.	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Office
9	IEF Board Meeting	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
11	Luncheon	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Edison EEC
19	World of Food Poker Tournament	5:30 p.m.	MillerCoors
22	Board Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
24	Inland Empire's Largest Mixer	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Ontario Convention Center
25	Milestone Breakfast Presenting Sponsor: MillerCoors	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Edison EEC



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2012 Small Business of the Year

Assemblymember Roger Hernández awarded BriteWorks, Inc. as the 57th District's Small Business of the Year.

Anita Ron is the founder, President and CEO of BriteWorks, Inc. a janitorial service company based in the city of Covina. Ms. Ron founded the company in 1997 with only \$700 dollars and a great deal of determination. Ms. Ron recently moved the business from her home to a more permanent location in Covina.

Anita Ron is also an active member of the West Covina Lions Club and President of the San Gabriel Valley YWCA.

Ms. Ron is the driving force behind the company's commitment in providing customer service. The core values that Ms. Ron has instilled in BriteWorks, Inc focus on "caring for employees because in return they will care for the customer," stated Anita Ron.

In a congratulatory speech, **Assemblymember Roger Hernández** stated, "It's an honor to recognize BriteWorks, Inc. and the leadership of Anita Ron, as not only a successful business but as a strong Latina owned business that has demonstrated perseverance starting with a \$700 budget to now nearly 60 employees. Her story is truly representative of the district in which I serve-- the struggles and success of our small business owners."

The California Small Business Association invites elected representatives from each district to award a Small Business of the Year every year and awards are presented in Sacramento at the Annual Small Business Day.

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Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 19, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.



The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in the 4th Annual World of Food Poker Tour in the fall of 2012.

The promotional portion of the program runs from September 4th through October 19, 2012. MillerCoors, the presenting sponsor, will host the Texas Hold-em style poker tournament in the MillerCoors "pub" with professional dealers and tables.

For participation or sponsorship opportunities please visit our event calendar page at www.IrwindaleChamber.org or please call us at 626-960-6606.

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July Business of the Month

Cory's Kitchen

Feeding the body, saving the soul

Cory's Kitchen was founded in October of 1996 at Faith Community Church in West Covina, California after the tragic murder of one of the young men of that church. Cory Stanfield was a 23 year old Christian who truly had a servant's heart. Cory worked with the youth groups of three different churches, teaching outdoor skills such as rock climbing, water and snow skiing, backpacking, and other activities. He was also a proficient Bible instructor. In July of 2001, Cory's Kitchen incorporated as a non-profit, charitable organization. And as of April 1, 2005 Cory's Kitchen moved to its present location at 1418 Arrow Highway in Irwindale.

Working within the local community, Cory's Kitchen collects donated food from grocery chains and warehouse outlets and utilizes the Federal Emergency Food Assistance Program to help thousands of families with their food needs each year as well providing them with referrals which will help them with other aspects of their lives such as: jobs, continued education, clothing services, legal services and counseling.

Cory's Kitchen has been a member of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce since 2010.

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Due to publication deadline the current business of the month is featured on our website at www.irwindalechamber.org

To nominate your company as Business of the Month please contact the Irwindale Chamber for further information and details at 626-960-6606.



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(Continued from coverage)



(L-R) Scarlet Toruno, Vincent Espino, Angelo Villa, Lauren Osmonson and Senator Ed Hernandez.

Scarlet Toruno received a \$300.00 cash prize. Third place winner Angelo Villa received \$200.00, and 4th place winner Vincent Espino received \$50.00. All contestants received Certificates of Recognition from Congresswoman Judy Chu, Senator Ed Hernandez, Assemblyman Roger Hernandez, Supervisor Gloria Molina and the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce.

This year's essay topic was "How has your family background affected the way you see the world?" Each contestant was required to write a 500-750 word essay, submit school transcripts, and attend three pre-competition meetings to be eligible to participate in the competition.

April Kelcy of Earthquake Solutions and Irwindale Toastmasters Club spent time with the contestants working on presentation skills and self-confidence to prepare them for the oral presentation of their written essays. The contestants who are between the ages of 15 and 18 years old also had to participate in an oral interview and answered impromptu questions before a judging panel and an audience of family, friends and community leaders.

Special thanks to Lisa Bailey, Irwindale Chamber of Commerce CEO, for being our Master of Ceremonies. Additional thanks to: Eagle Photography, Explorer Post # 496, Irwindale Senior Center Staff, The Produce Place, Toastmasters, Amanda Chavez and Loretta Corpis for donating their time and/or expertise to make this event possible!



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20% Tax Refund Penalty Falls to Business Pressure

By: CalChamber Alert

Strong opposition from the California Chamber of Commerce and a coalition of job creators discouraged legislators from imposing a 20% penalty on tax overpayments as part of a budget trailer bill this week.

The proposal would have authorized the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to impose the penalty.

‘Outrageous’ - Among the most outspoken opponents of the proposal was CalChamber President and CEO Allan Zaremberg, who said: “It is outrageous that average taxpayers, including small business owners, would face penalties for overpaying their taxes.

“It is equally outrageous that, to my knowledge, this proposal would make California the only state to have both a large corporate underpayment penalty and a proposed overpayment penalty. Proposals like this are why California has one of the worst reputations for having a bad business climate.”

He added, “Overpayment of taxes is like having an interest-free cash flow loan to the state. Every business in America would love to have that, but not the state of California. How stupid is that?”

Not only would average taxpayers have been affected by the proposal, but large employers in the state would have faced a “whipsaw effect.” Currently, certain taxpayers are subject to a 20% “understatement penalty” for understatements in excess of \$1 million with no right to appeal. This penalty has caused many of these taxpayers to substantially overstate their taxes to avoid the penalty that may result from unexpected federal adjustments.

Adding an erroneous refund penalty like the one proposed would have unfairly penalized taxpayers who overstated their liabilities to avoid the understatement penalty, and

would have been subjected to penalties because they paid more taxes than were owed.

Lost Revenues - In opposition arguments, the coalition pointed out that the proposal would have:

- Resulted in revenue loss to the state and increased the budget deficit;
- Barred taxpayers from protesting the penalty;
- Created confusion and potential litigation for the state because terms in the proposal were undefined and unspecified, including references to “reasonable basis”;
- Established a penalty that would not have served a legitimate purpose and was disproportionate to the severity of noncompliance.

Proponents of the proposal painted the issue as a “fraudulent claim” penalty or a penalty on unreasonable claims. However, the FTB already has an arsenal to combat both.

According to the FTB’s own documents, the agency has at its disposal 69 penalties that can be imposed on taxpayers for a variety of tax-related activities. If the FTB believes a refund claim to be without merit, opponents argued, the FTB has ample options under existing penalties.



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'Job Killer' Bill Inflating Litigation, Insurance Costs Awaits Assembly Action

By: CalChamber

A California Chamber of Commerce-**opposed** "job killer" bill that once finalized is expected to inflate litigation and insurance costs will be awaiting Assembly action when legislators return from their summer recess.

The Consumer Attorneys of California are sponsoring **SB 1528 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento)** in an attempt to overturn the recent and well-reasoned California Supreme Court case, *Howell v. Hamilton Meats* ((2011) 52 Cal.4th 541).

The case addressed the question of whether a plaintiff could recover for past medical damages stated in a health care provider's bill but never actually paid or owed by the plaintiff.

No Loss Incurred - The court stated: "We hold no such recovery is allowed, for the simple reason that the injured plaintiff did not suffer any economic loss in that amount."

Long-standing principles of law, codified in California in 1873, provide the measure of damages to a person is the amount that will compensate for the detriment that was caused. California has more than 100 years in developing an eminently equitable tort system designed to compensate individuals harmed by another's action. The point is to make the plaintiff whole of the injuries suffered, not to provide the plaintiff with a windfall.

However, overturning *Howell* and well-established law will provide a plaintiff with just that: a windfall. Such a change in the law will artificially inflate litigation costs, encourage the filing of more lawsuits, and dramatically increase the rates for automobile, workers' compensation, and general liability insurance to the detriment of individuals and employers alike.

Rushed Amendments - The CalChamber and a coalition of employer associations oppose the policy of the bill and also the approach being used to make such a dramatic change in the law. Although the sponsor and the author of SB 1528 have directly stated their intent to overturn the *Howell* decision, the bill has yet to be amended with the final language.

With only a month left in the session once the Legislature returns in August, any final amendments made to the bill will leave little time for a thorough airing and debate of the proposed policy in committee or floor sessions. The coalition believes that avoiding these processes further undermines public trust in the process.

Key Vote

SB 1528 passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee on July 3, 6-4.

Ayes: Atkins (D-South Park/Golden Hill), Dickinson (D-Sacramento), Feuer (D-Los Angeles), B. Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), Monning (D-Carmel), Wieckowski (D-Fremont).

(Homeowner-continued from coverage)

- Prohibiting "dual track" foreclosures that occur when a servicer continues foreclosure while also reviewing a homeowner's application for a loan modification;
- Creating a single point of contact for homeowners who are negotiating a loan modification;
- Expanding notice requirements that must be provided to a borrower before taking action on a loan modification application or pursuing foreclosure; and
- Allowing injunctions against foreclosure until violations are corrected and permitting civil penalties against servicers that file multiple, inaccurate mortgage documents or commit reckless or willful violations of law.

These new laws make California the first state in the nation to take provisions in the National Mortgage Settlement, which covered the nation's five largest mortgage loan servicers, and apply those rules to all mortgage servicers.

By prohibiting dual-track foreclosure, this legislation provides borrowers with certainty that their loan application will receive full review and consideration before any foreclosure occurs. These requirements also provide the borrower with a legal remedy to challenge the actions of servicers that engage in dual-track foreclosure or other material violations of law.

The Homeowner Bill of Rights also requires a single point of contact for borrowers seeking loan modification. This requirement will make loan servicers more accountable and prevent them from repeatedly transferring applications and phone calls to various departments and employees.

Under the new law, servicers must notify borrowers when a modification application is due, if foreclosure has been postponed and if a modification has been denied. Each of these new rules increases transparency and helps to ensure that borrowers are properly informed of the actions taken by a servicer before foreclosure activities begin.

Borrowers have a right to file private lawsuits under this new law to block foreclosure until the lender corrects any material violation. Borrowers can also receive treble damages up to \$50,000 if servicers act intentionally or recklessly in violating the law. These provisions protect the rights of consumers, while allowing servicers to correct unintentional violations.

The California Homeowner Bill of Rights, AB 278 and SB 900, was sponsored by California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris. AB 278 was authored by Assembly Members Eng, Feuer, Mitchell and John A. Pérez. SB 900 was authored by Senators Leno, Evans, Corbett, DeSaulnier, Pavley and Steinberg.

The law will go into effect January 1, 2013. For full text of the bills, visit: <http://leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>.

Terminating Injured Worker: Use Caution in Citing 'Business Necessity'

By: CalChamber Alert

Ours is a business with only eight employees. We have a new employee who hurt himself on the job last month. Can I terminate him?

California law is very protective of employees who suffer on-the-job injuries, and Labor Code Section 132(a) specifically holds: "It is the declared policy of this state that there should not be discrimination against workers who are injured in the course and scope of their employment."

Consequently, a termination would be the ultimate form of discrimination. Injured workers can make a "132(a) claim" in addition to their injury claim, and if they prevail, that code section contains several additional remedies.

Further, your carrier cannot represent you on a 132(a) claim; companies charged with such a claim need to engage in separate counsel to represent them before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

Hardship Rule

Employers are faced with having to fill the position, yet knowing that the injured worker is entitled to get his/her job back can make filling the post a difficult chore.

A defense to such a claim is the "business necessity" rule. This rule applies when holding the injured worker's job open for an open-ended period creates a hardship for the employer.

Although there is no hard and fast general length of absence rule, the cases seem to favor employers whose policies allow at least 18 months to two years of disability absence before termination.

Business necessity is an affirmative defense, meaning the burden of producing the evidence lies with the employer. Evidence that the job requires a relatively high degree of skill, a limited number of employees available to cover the job, and inability of the company to function properly without filling the job should be presented as part of the defense.

To put it simply, the more important the job and the fewer the available employees, the stronger the defense.

In addition, smaller employers are able to assert this defense more easily than larger employers, for the larger the employer, the easier it is to cover the absent worker's job by using other employees.

Medical Benefits

Although the employer must keep the job open for a period of time, a 2002 case finally established that discontinuing health benefits is not a violation of 132(a). Before that case was decided, the code section protected not only the job, but the benefits.

Now, an injured worker who qualifies for coverage under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) can be put on FMLA concurrently with workers' compensation, and then after 12 weeks, the employer can discontinue benefits and offer continuation coverage in keeping with the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA).

A smaller employer not subject to family and medical leave laws should follow its policy or practice regarding continuation of health benefits. Consult with your health insurance carrier if in doubt as to how long coverage continues.

This is a very sensitive area of the law, and employers should seek the advice of legal counsel before making any termination decision.

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The Green Pages

August 2012



Tour Through Athens Services Materials Recovery Facility

By: Gary Erb, Acrylatex Coatings & Recycling Inc.

Last week the environmental committee had a very informative tour through the Athens Material Recovery Facility (MRF) located in an unincorporated area adjacent to the City of Industry. The 50 year old, family owned company processes over 120,000 tons of waste every month with about 300 employees. They bring in a single stream source of material (not separated by the consumer) and sort the various components of the waste stream into salable products. A combination of technology and hard work on this 11 acre plant produce bails of cardboard, aluminum cans, many types of plastics, paper and other materials (30 in all) that are exported and sold for reuse. The organic matter (about 700 tons/month) is sent to a sister facility in Victorville where it is composted.

Gary Clifford, CEO of Athens, guided our tour as we were taken into the upper level control center of the plant affectionately called the "wheelhouse". This is where supervisors watched and controlled the frenzied movement of our trash through multiple sorting lines. We saw many of their natural gas powered trucks entering the negative pressure building with loads of garbage from dozens of cities contracted with Athens. Gary mentioned a unique service where they collect the trash bins from the backyards of certain areas that contract for BYS (back yard service). He also mentioned that they have a lot of cats roaming around the facility that keep the rats and mice in check. We didn't see any - mice or cats. In addition, Athens has a robust vector control plan in place.

With the increasing population of southern California and the eminent closure of local landfills, this 50 year old "landfill avoidance company" who preaches reduce, reuse and recycle should do well in the future. They are planning a least two more plants in the region, I hope to get a tour of those in the near future.



Water-Conserving Plumbing Fixtures

Submitted By: Jackie Doornik, SGMRC



Senate Bill 837 (Blakeslee) was signed into law by the Governor on July 30, 2011. It amended California Civil Code Section 1102.6 by placing “water-conserving plumbing fixtures” on the Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement (TDS) in Section II

– Seller’s Information. In addition, in a state-wide effort to promote water conservation, Senate Bill 407 (Padilla) was signed into law by the Governor on October 11, 2009 which requires the following:

For All Real Estate Sales - Residential and Commercial:

On and after January 1, 2017, a seller or transferor of single-family residential real property, multifamily residential real property, or commercial real property shall disclose to a purchaser or transferee, in writing, specified requirements for replacing plumbing fixtures, and whether the real property includes noncompliant plumbing fixtures.

For All Single Family Residences:

On or before January 1, 2017, all noncompliant plumbing fixtures in any single-family residential real property shall

be replaced by the property owner with water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

For Commercial and Multifamily Residences:

On or before January 1, 2019, all noncompliant plumbing fixtures in multifamily residential real property and commercial real property, as defined, be replaced with water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

For Building Alterations - Single Family Residences:

On and after January 1, 2014, for all building alterations or improvements to single-family residential real property, water-conserving plumbing fixtures shall replace other noncompliant plumbing fixtures as a condition for issuance of a certificate of final completion and occupancy or final permit approval by the local building department.

For Building Alterations - Commercial and Multifamily Residences:

On and after January 1, 2014, for specified building alterations or improvements to multifamily residential real property and commercial real property, water-conserving plumbing fixtures shall replace other noncompliant plumbing fixtures as a condition for issuance of a certificate of final completion and occupancy or final permit approval by the local building department.

The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee

E-mail your environmental questions to our committee and one of our committee members will respond to you.

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Join the Committee

If you care about health and safety issues that affect community business, or the environment, you should consider this committee.

Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Varies

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Irwindale Environmental Committee

Celebrating our Nation's Birthday!

Irwindale once again had a wonderful 4th of July Celebration. The day included food booths, arts & crafts vendors, music by Band of Brothers and Los Pistoleros, Polynesian dancers and the Senior Center Showcase. Thanks are extended to Royal Coaches for their Gold level sponsorship of the event. And this year, thanks to the generosity of Ready Pac; our Presenting Sponsor; the festivities concluded with a Fireworks Spectacular! It was definitely a memorable celebration of our nation's Independence Day.



Council members Manuel Garcia and Mark Breceda, Recreation Manager Dan Grijalva, and Parks & Recreation Commission Marguerite Lopez enjoy the celebration.



The fireworks spectacular finale - courtesy of our presenting sponsor Ready Pac.



The music of Band of Brothers and Los Pistoleros had folks up and dancing!



First Place in the Booth Decorating Contest was awarded to the Amvets Womens Auxiliary.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church placed second in the Booth Decorating Contest.



The ladies of the Guadalupanas group won Third Place in the Booth Decorating Contest



COUNCIL ROUND-UP – MAY 23, JUNE 13 & JUNE 27, 2012

- Council accepted the Valley County Water District's offer to lease the City's 399.53 acre feet of groundwater pumping rights for FY 2011/2012, and authorize the City Manager to sign a one year lease for the temporary assignment of the City's water pumping rights.
- The City Manager was authorized to enter into an agreement with EC Construction Company of South El Monte, California, in the amount of \$8,575.00 to perform the installation of speed humps on Alice Rodriguez Circle.
- The five year lease with Xerox for the use of two (2) new Xerox copiers: WC 5335P and WC5775PT to be supplied by Xerox and installed at the Recreation Department and Police Department respectively was approved by Council
- Council approved a resolution to waive the formal bidding procedures and authorize the issuance of a purchase order for the lease of two (2) Konica Minolta Bizhub 363 copies based upon AEPA contract pricing.
- The Fireworks Display Agreement by and between the City of Irwindale and Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 was approved by Council.
- Council discussed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 and provided staff with appropriate direction to bring back at the first June meeting for additional discussion and possible reductions.
- A Public Hearing on the Reclamation Plan amendment for Vulcan Materials Inc. Reliance I, Reliance Azusa quarries and Reliance II Landfill and financial assurance for Reliance Azusa quarry located at 16001 and 15990 Foothill Boulevard was continued to July 25, 2012 to allow Vulcan Materials Inc. time to respond to comments from the City Engineer on additional analysis that was prepared by Vulcan in response to comments on the proposed Reclamation Plan Amendment from the State Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR).
- Council approved the requests of AMVETS Post 113, Cory's Kitchen, Irwindale Lions Club, Irwindale Sister City Association, Joseph "Pepe" Miranda Sports Scholarship and Grant Foundation and Knights of Columbus Irwindale #5650 to conduct fireworks sales subject to compliance with all City, County, and State regulations.
- Regarding the Public Works construction contract for a mid-block traffic signal on Arrow Highway at Santa Fe Dam pedestrian crossing, Council ratified changes in the work, accepted the improvements and maintenance responsibility for the project, approved the final construction contract amount of \$84,018.00 and authorized the release of the ten percent (10%) retention amount for this project.
- Council determined designated police vehicles as surplus equipment and authorized the City Manager or his designee to dispose of the property in accordance with Section 3.44.150 of the Irwindale Municipal Code.
- The agreement for services with the Chamber of Commerce was approved by Council.
- Council approved the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce for a portion of property located at 16102 E. Arrow Highway in Irwindale.
- The City Manager was authorized by Council to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc. (RSG) for staffing and consulting services for the City of Irwindale in the amount not to exceed \$135,000.
- An Urgency Ordinance extending by 10 months and 15 days Ordinance No. 656 temporarily prohibiting the establishment of digital displays on outdoor advertising structures and prohibiting modification of existing structures to digital displays pending City Council policy direction and an update of the city's Zoning Code to establish development standards and regulations governing digital displays was adopted by Council.
- The Council acting as the Council, Housing Authority and the Reclamation Authority, held a public hearing on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budgets and other year-end budget related actions and supplemental appropriations.
- Council approved and Ordinance to adopt the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget with the suspension of the FSET, K9 and motor Police programs for one year.
- A resolution was adopted by Council ratifying the City's investment policy and delegating the City Treasurer authority to invest the City's surplus funds.
- Sub-recipient agreement amendment No. 1 with the County of Los Angeles regarding the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program was approved by Council at which time they authorized the City Attorney and City Clerk to execute same.
- Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Coory Engineering in the amount of \$40,000.00 to provide engineering design services for the preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for the reconstruction of Ramona Boulevard at 605 Freeway and Rivergrade Road between Los Angeles Street and Brooks Drive.
- A contract in the amount of \$80,103.00 to Johnson-Frank & Associates, Inc. for the Topographic-Hydrographic survey of ten (10) sand and gravel mines was approved by Council.
- Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$46,002.75 for the repair of the protective netting along the east and north sides of the swimming pool to Judge Netting, Inc.
- Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Mariposa Landscapes, Inc. in the amount of \$56,004.00 per year to provide landscape maintenance services at various locations for a thirty-six (36) month period, with an option for two consecutive twelve (12) month extensions subject to satisfactory performance as determined by the City Contract officer.
- A pair of resolutions approving applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District excess funds for citywide tree planting for parkways in commercial and residential areas and for city parks trees were adopted by Council.
- Council adopted a resolution approving and adopting an engineer's report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 for maintenance and operation and capital replacement of the City's sanitation and sewerage systems located within the Irwindale Business Center and ordering and directing that such rates or charges be collected on the tax rolls; and fixing a time and place for a public hearing for hearing objections thereon.
- Council also adopted a resolution approving an engineer's report; declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, within the existing Irwindale Business Center Street Lighting and Maintenance District; and fixing a time and place for a public hearing for hearing objections thereon.
- Council approved the improvement projects for City Parks and City Facilities to be funded by the 2001 Refunding Certificates of Participation and direct the Public Works Director/City Engineer to program these improvements project to the CIP for FY 2012-2013 and adopted a resolution approving the appropriation of the remaining 2001 Refunding Certificates of Participation proceeds for Irwindale park improvements

IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER MEETINGS

Board of Directors 4th Monday
 3:00 p.m. at the Chamber
Business Ambassadors 1st Thursday at the Chamber
 8:00 a.m.
Environmental Committee 1st Wednesday
 12:00 noon Location Varies
Luncheons 2nd Thursday-Even Months
 Location Varies
Networking Breakfast 4th Thursday at Picasso's Cafe
 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Toastmasters Call for meeting details.
 626-256-7900

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Am-Vets Post 113
 16124 Calle de Paseo, Irwindale, CA 91806
 Meets 1st Friday at Am-Vets Park (626) 338-4440 Ben Aguayo
Irwindale Educational Foundation
 P.O. Box 2307, Irwindale, CA 91706-1168
 Board Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber
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 and H. Manuel Ortiz

City Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

City Staff

City Manager John Davidson
 Assistant City Manager: Camille Diaz
 Dir. of Public Works/City Engineer: Kwok Tam
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 Director of Planning: Ken Lee
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Library.....(626) 430-2229

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 5050 Irwindale Avenue Fax: (626) 430-2266

Recreation.....(626) 430-2224

16053 Calle de Paseo Fax: (626) 962-3022
 Recreation Manager: Dan Grijalva
 Recreation Supervisor: Priscilla Zepeda

Senior Center.....(626) 430-2283

16116 Arrow Highway Fax: (626) 430-2275
 Senior Citizen Coordinator: Jackie Delgado

Service Yard.....(626) 430-2280

16034 Calle del Norte

Police Department

Police Chief: Dennis Smith

Emergency..... 9-1-1

Phone (non emergency)...(626) 430-2244
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