

## 2008 West Sacramento Levee Erosion Repair

The city of West Sacramento continues significant repairs of levees under the Sacramento Bank Protection Program administered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the State Department of Water Resources. The repair site is south of Davis Road in Southport. The recommended repair for this site will be a "stability berm" along the lower slope of the river bank. Rocks or "armor" will also be installed to protect the levee from future erosion. The project is scheduled to begin construction in early August. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2 million dollars.

**West Sacramento Flood Protection**

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

**Life Threatening Emergencies: 911**

Non-emergency Services (24/7)  
**POLICE & FIRE Dispatch:** 372-3375

**PG&E:** 800-743-5000  
(electrical outages, power lines, and gas leaks)

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** 617-4925

**PUBLIC WORKS:** 617-4850  
(roads, pipes, trees, sand bags & storm drains)  
After hours: 372-3375

**WATER TREATMENT:** 617-4860

**CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO:** 617-4500

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National Flood Insurance Program  
1-888-379-9531

## Fix I-5 Project Expected to Ease by Mid-July

With the schedule of Interstate 5 traffic closures expected to end by mid-July, Caltrans thanks the efforts of motorists to make use of alternative methods of transportation, flexed work schedules and telecommuting. The cooperation of motorists has been keeping traffic delays to a minimum.

To monitor information about the project, visit [www.FixI-5.com](http://www.FixI-5.com).



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## Port Wind Energy Shipments Start this Summer

Eleven ships transporting wind power equipment from Korea and Europe will be arriving at the Port of Sacramento this summer through November. Manufactured by the German firm, Repower AG, the equipment will be used to construct 95 new windmills at a large wind farm north of Travis Air Force Base. This is the largest shipment of wind equipment ever for the Port and the first time that Repower equipment has been shipped to California. For more information, see the Port's Web site at [www.portofsacramento.com](http://www.portofsacramento.com).

## General Plan Update

By early July, the city will be releasing the Issues and Opportunities Report as part of the General Plan Update. This report is designed to focus community attention on how to accommodate growth over the next 25 years. The report summarizes and uses information gained during the early stages of the General Plan Update effort, based on community workshops, stakeholder interviews, the Draft Background Report and city staff observations. Topics include employment growth, economic diversification, flood protection, walkability, traffic congestion, affordable housing, community design, health and availability of child care. The Issues and Opportunities Report is expected to stimulate discussion and help develop key policies and programs. It will serve as a supplement to the General Plan. **To view a copy of the report, visit the General Plan Update Web site, [www.jlmintier.com/westsac](http://www.jlmintier.com/westsac).**

## New Sidewalks and Dirt Trail Coming

The City Council has approved the project that will build sidewalks at the detention basins which close gaps along Stonegate Drive and Lake Washington Boulevard. The summer project will also build a level, all-weather dirt trail on 3.2 miles of the Clarksburg Branch Line, between South River Road at the Barge Canal and South River Road at Gregory Avenue. Native tree species will be planted around the upper margin of the detention basins, once the project is completed this fall. **For more, contact Park Development Manager Dave Shpak, (916) 617-4645.**



**Chief Al Terrell**

*In a ceremony at Fire Station 45, City Manager Toby Ross swears in the city's new fire chief, Al Terrell, June 10.*

## Terrell Takes Over as City's Fire Chief

West Sacramento's new fire chief is Al Terrell, who brings 22 years of professional fire service experience to the position. Prior to joining the city, Chief Terrell was Assistant Fire Chief for the city of Newark, California.

"We're very pleased that Al Terrell has decided to become West Sacramento's Fire Chief," said City Manager Toby Ross. "He brings a collaborative management style and a wealth of technical experience to the position. He will be a great addition to the city."

In his duties with the Newark Fire Department, Mr. Terrell was responsible for the Operations Division, including the safety and training functions, and disaster preparedness.

"West Sacramento has a well-trained and highly respected fire department," said Chief Terrell. "I look forward to contributing to its community-service reputation."

He replaces Chief Fred Postel who retired in February following more than 14 years of service to West Sacramento.

## Help for Homeowners

The city of West Sacramento is helping homeowners facing foreclosure to keep their homes. Families that go through short sale or foreclosure can find themselves burdened with tax liabilities and badly damaged credit that affects their ability to rent a home, get a job or obtain a loan for many years. Sadly, many homeowners could have avoided these problems by receiving foreclosure counseling from a HUD-certified housing counseling agency.

You don't have to go through foreclosure alone. Help is available! Lenders are willing to adjust mortgage payments, reduce interest rates, or reduce loan amounts to keep families in their homes. But the process can be time consuming and confusing. If you are having trouble making your house payment or are facing foreclosure, call the Home Loan Counseling Center at (916) 646-2005. Spanish translation available.

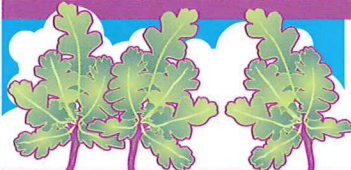
## Be Water Wise! Remember the "Rule of 3's":

- **3 days**—Water your lawn only once every 3 days;
- **3 inches**—Mow your lawn at a height of 2 ½ to 3 inches to help it develop deeper root systems;
- **3 minutes**—Take 3 minutes to schedule a Water Wise House Call, (916) 617-4872.

## Water Wise Demonstration Garden

The city of West Sacramento has completed a Water Wise Demonstration Garden, located on Bridgeway Lakes Drive across the street from the Bridgeway Lakes Boat House. The two types of gardens are the Desert and the Mediterranean. Each has plants that are easy to maintain and most importantly, use a minimum amount of irrigation. The irrigation system is designed to water with weather and uses a drip irrigation system to water the plants, helping to reduce evaporation.

## Note to BRODERICK AREA Resident Tree Planters:



**Please remember to deep water your newly planted trees, once a week by allowing the water to drip out of the hose overnight.**