



# GSD NEWSLETTER

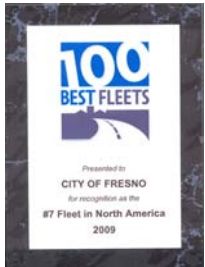
September, 2009

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**Grant Reimbursement Check** - Fleet Management has been working very hard to earn grant funding and recently received a \$223,650 check from the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The check was reimbursement for a grant to fund the replacement of several pieces of aging off-road construction equipment with modern, low-emission units.



**Best Fleets Competition** - The Fleet Management Division was recently ranked #7 in the 100 Best Fleets Competition at the 2009 Government Fleet Expo and Conference (GFX) in Denver, Colorado on June 9th and Jim Schaad, Fleet Manager, was on hand to accept the award. The 100 BEST FLEETS award program recognizes and rewards peak performing public sector fleet operations in North America. The program also identifies and encourages ever-increasing levels of performance improvement within the fleet industry. The competition judges government fleets in the categories of Accountability, Technology Implementation, High Trust Culture, Acknowledgement, Collaboration, Creativity, Celebration, Doing It Right the First Time, Quick/Efficient Turnaround, Staff Development, Resources Stewardship, and Competitive Pricing.



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

**Department Retreat with the Mayor** - On Thursday, September 10, 2009, Mayor Swearingin held her second Department Retreat. Topics covered included City highlights, various accomplishments over the past 6 months and the Mayor's initiatives which include:

- Advocacy – Water; Port of Entry; High Speed Rail; Transportation
- Process Improvement and Permitting Enhancement Strategy (PIPES)
- Public Safety Consolidation
- Downtown and Downtown Neighborhoods Specific Plans
- Office of Independent Review
- Homeless Issues

The Mayor also presented her four cornerstones explaining how they can be applied to the Urban Core of the City and also how they translate to annual operating budgets and ultimately into a long range strategic plan for the City.

- Safe, quality neighborhoods
- Effective & responsive government
- Regional leadership
- Jobs and education



Ken Nerland  
GSD Director

*What's This?*





## CENTRAL PRINTING

**OPEN HOUSE INVITATION**  
October 7th  
10:00-2:00  
Copy Center in City Hall

Central Printing has been working with Facilities to remodel and redesign the Copy Center in City Hall to accommodate a new Canon 6000 copier. This new copier will produce output that rivals offset quality, maintains superior color consistency, and can fulfill a wide range of jobs, including hard-copy reproductions, direct mail pieces, and marketing material. Central Printing also has a new large format printer and 2 high speed black & white copiers which will eliminate the need to send these types of jobs out to a private vendor.

## FLEET MANAGEMENT

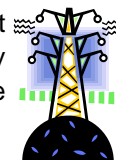


Fleet Awards Luncheon – Fleet Management celebrated their Employee Rewards program in a big way on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Lunch was delicious as always and then the celebration moved to a staff Car and Motorcycle Show. Gary Scelzi attended and brought his Midget Racecar. Jim Schaad and Tim Olday were popular “Dunk Tank” targets.



## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

**MSC Power Outage** - On Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Facilities Electricians worked closely with PG&E staff to shut down power to the MSC so that much needed repairs could be made to a transformer that supplies electricity to the complex. The outage was planned to last 4 hours but thanks to excellent preparation by the Electricians, that timeframe was reduced to about 2 hours.



**City Hall Chiller** - Mid-July the building temperature became oppressive at City Hall. Facilities acted quickly to place a portable/temporary chiller into service which brought temperatures in City Hall back to acceptable levels. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the City Council awarded a contract to Lawson Mechanical Contractors of Fresno to install a new chiller system for City Hall which should be up and running by Spring of 2010.

**PARCS Projects** - Facilities staff has been working with PARCS on modifications to the Woodward Park Bike Complex and the Vertical Ramp (ARK) at the Regional Sports Complex. Concrete work and lighting are the main focus of these projects.



**MSC Security Issues** – In recent weeks a committee has been meeting to discuss MSC Security Issues. A representative from each Department in the MSC, the Police Department and Traffic Engineering Division have been meeting to develop a phased process to improve security and address other concerns. In the coming months the process will be finalized and shared with all occupants of the MSC.

## PURCHASING

**Pau Hauna Paul Schramm** - Paul Schramm, Supervising Buyer in Purchasing, retired after more than 30 years with the City. July 23, 2009, was proclaimed by City Council to be Paul Schramm Day in the City of Fresno and then on July 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Pau Hauna in his honor with an Open House which was well attended by many of Paul's co-workers and friends. We are still in shock that Paul actually retired and will miss his smile, compassion and assistance for years to come!



**Educating our Customers** - On June 12, Purchasing held a "How to do business with the City of Fresno" Workshop. About 90 attendees listened to short presentations on How to Bid on City contracts, How to register with Bids OnLine, work with the Local Small Business Preference ordinance, and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. The next workshop is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Municipal Service Center.



# What's This?

## SELF PROPELLED WEED SPRAYER



Fleet Management recently took delivery of this mud bogging, weed slaying beast. The unit is a purpose built, self propelled weed spraying unit to be used at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Some of the features of the unit are: Hydrostatic transmission, 4 wheel drive, Clean burning Tier 4 diesel engine, fully enclosed air conditioned cab, computerized spray rate/ground speed matching and of course, an AM/FM stereo player. The Waste Water Division anticipates that this rig will increase spaying efficiencies by 30%.

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**Electrical Panels and Receptacles** - Facilities electricians have been working with Fleet staff to install sub panels and electrical receptacles in Shelters M, K and R which will be used to regenerate diesel particulate filters on heavy duty diesel trucks. This clean air equipment will reduce particulate emissions by 85%, and will put Fleet Management in compliance with the CARB Public Fleet Rule well ahead of the 2010 deadline.



**Personnel Primer Training** – Management/Supervisory staff in GSD recently attended four four-hour training sessions which highlighted all of the services provided by the Personnel Services Department. This was a great opportunity to refresh our memory on more common processes and to learn about those we aren't often involved with.

**APWA Update** – Peggy Chiok is working with each of the GSD sub-committees to meet our first deadline of October 1, 2009, for the self assessment process of the APWA Accreditation program.



**Clean Air Equipment Additions** - In the continuing effort to reduce fuel costs, improve emissions and reduce the city's carbon footprint, Fleet Management recently added two hybrid Ford Escapes and one hybrid Toyota Prius to the Clean Air Fleet bringing the number of light hybrids to 63. Solid Waste will utilize one of the Escapes and Fresno Area Express will use the remaining Escape and the Prius. The Escapes have an EPA rating of 34 mpg city/31 mpg highway and the Prius has an EPA rating of 51 mpg city/48 mpg highway.



## STAFF UPDATES

Facilities and Major Projects Division  
**Kelly Riddle**, Manager - Promotion  
**Mark Johnson**, Public Works Manager - Transfer

Fleet Management Division  
**Daniel See**, Heavy Equip. Mech. I - Promotion



## EMPLOYEE OF THE SUMMER QUARTER 2009

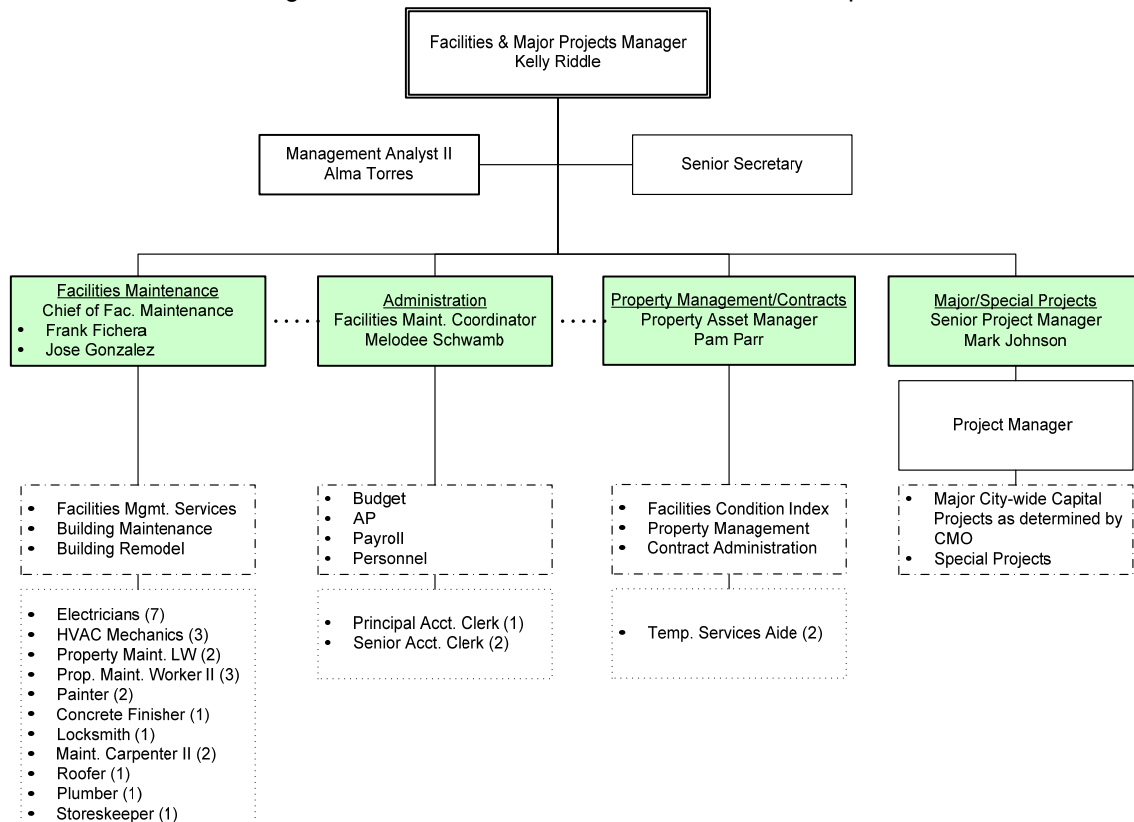
**Mary Vera** is a Senior Secretary in the Purchasing Division and has worked with the City for 31 years. Mary works out every morning and in the evenings enjoys watching Dr. Phil and Beaches. Mary was born in California in March and her favorite color is purple. Her co-workers describe her as dependable, caring and conscientious.





# FACILITIES AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kelly Riddle and Mark Johnson joined the GSD team as the new Facilities and Major Projects Division Manager and the Senior Project Manager respectively. Kelly and Mark bring with them extensive knowledge and experience in project and administrative management and are welcome additions to the Department. The Division reorganization (see org chart) will change the structure of the Division and add a much needed Major Projects section that will handle important City projects such as High Speed Rail, Transit Village Project, Granite Park and Eaton Plaza to name just a few. Kelly's Key Components to a successful team are Honesty, Ethics, Accountability, Reliability, and Trust and that is what the Facilities and Major Projects Division strives for each and every day.



## MAJOR PROJECTS

**High Speed Rail Project (HSR)** - On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mayor Ashley Swearingin, Georgeanne White, Kelly Riddle and Ed Graveline (consultant) attended the High Speed Rail board meeting in Sacramento. Mayor Swearingin spoke during the public comment period of the meeting regarding the ARRA application for Federal funding to develop high speed rail. The Mayor stressed to the board how important it was that funding be secured for the Central Valley portion of the California High Speed Rail project, emphasizing that there can be no high speed rail without the Central Valley since this is the only place that 220 mph speeds can be obtained.



On September 23, Kelly Riddle, Ed Graveline, the Mayor and Georgeanne White plan to attend a special meeting of the High Speed Rail Authority to present a Valley-wide resolution supporting the ARRA application for construction of the HSR from Bakersfield to Fresno to Merced. These rails would be used for high speed testing and Amtrak passenger service but would not include the construction of the three terminal facilities.

**Eaton Plaza Park** - On Friday, September 4th, a public meeting was held regarding the impacts to the project if the Camphor tree grove was to remain in place. 5 of the 9 Camphor trees are healthy and would benefit the project to remain and after review of a topographical survey it was determined that we do not need to make any significant changes to the grading or design of the park to preserve the Camphor trees. The final magnitude of the impact is still being evaluated and will be presented to Council for approval soon. The impacts to the project were all presented and copies of the preliminary report were handed to those in attendance.

