



**CITY OF  
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## Special Interest Articles:

• GRANT A GO!

• TOP TEN ITEMS  
OF INTEREST



### This months Tip.

*Now is a great time of  
the year to purchase  
and plant bare root  
Trees, as long as the  
soil is not frozen!*

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## Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

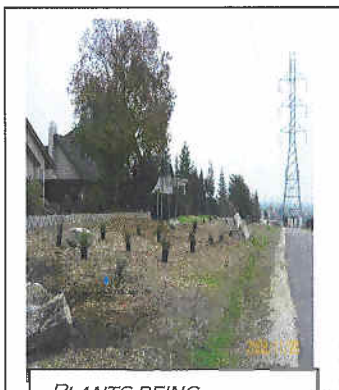


We hope everyone enjoyed their Holiday break and are ready to get back into Committee mode as we look forward to a new year of serving the residents of Folsom!

Although the weather has been cold the project list keeps moving forward throughout the Landscape and Lighting Districts. Our landscape contractor Sunworld has been busy planting in American River Canyon North-bike trail, Willow Springs-IP Rd., Broadstone 2-OAP, Broadstone Unit 3-E-Bid medians, and in Los Cerros-Woodsmoke. Also in preparation for spring weeds many areas such as Hannaford Cross, Broadstone 2, Prairie Oaks Ranch have received new coats of fresh bark and other Landscape Districts will receive the same.

Another noteworthy project is the placement of some large boulders at the entrance to Windsor Park in Broadstone 2. Not only do they add to the look of the landscape but we hope they will be a deterrent to vandals who have repeatedly drove through the turf area creating damage to the park. Speaking of damage we had our fair share of vehicle accidents in the L&L's over the Holidays as well as encroachments from residents and contractors alike. Staff will continue to work closely on these ongoing issues, as well as some more specialized projects such as Concrete Replacement-The Shores, Streetlight/wire replacement-BSU3, and Water Conservation efforts-WCE, WCS.

The Public Works Department and contractors worked to clean out the water retention ponds in Prairie Oaks Ranch, here are the before and after shots of the pond on Russi Dr. These areas fall within the Landscape and Lighting District Boundaries under the title of Open Space. We sincerely hope to see Mother Nature fill these ponds and all the other Lakes in the area in 2009!



PLANTS BEING  
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BIKE TRAIL IN AMERICAN  
RIVER CANYON NORTH





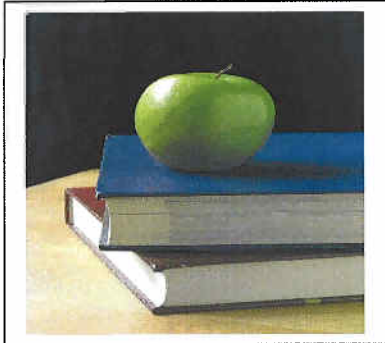
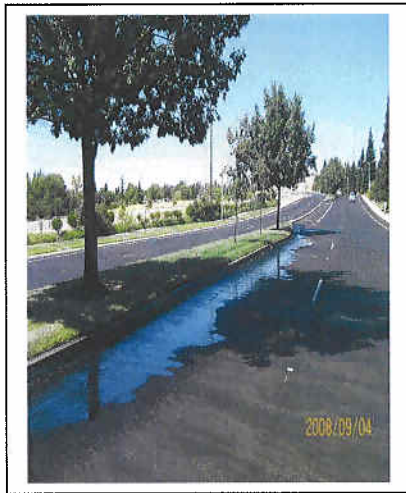
## Water Conservation Project Begins on OAP!

It's here! The City has received the fully executed copy of the Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Drought Grant Agreement from the Department of Water Resources. The Landscape and Irrigation Water Saving Retrofit Program grant has been processed and the check is in the mail!

City staff and Sunworld have begun the planning and initial stages of the retrofit project in the Landscape and Lighting Districts of Willow Creek East and Willow Creek South. This work will encompass all the medians on Oak Avenue Parkway from East Bidwell to Willow Creek Drive. Also included in this project will also be some of the streetscape adjacent to Oak Avenue parkway and Toney/Haskins Ct. in Willow Creek East. The project will consist of removing large portions of turf in the medians, retrofitting the irrigations system to drip and planting a variety of shrubs. Some work on the streetscape on the eastside of OAP will also occur, mainly changing the pop up spray heads to more efficient small rotors. Staff will be conducting tests to determine if the current controllers may become part of the current Central Irrigation System or a different E.T. based controllers will need to be installed.

As stated above construction efforts are under way: the turf in the medians has been scalped and sprayed in preparation of the grading/trenching work. Keep in mind the busy nature of this road and expect to see minor construction delays. A good portion of the work will be in the center medians and occasional lanes closures will be necessary to provide safe access to the site.

The picture to the left is an example of water runoff from just one minute of a typical irrigation cycle. Note the brown stains that cross the entire roadway and multiply this by 5-8 minutes two times a night by 3 days a week, and you can just imagine the water flowing down the gutter. The City hopes to not only save a significant amount of water, but to decrease the damage to the roadway and alleviate this wet nuisance to the residents. This proves to be the first of many retrofits to come as we continue to make concerted efforts to conserve water throughout the City of Folsom.



WINTER IS A GOOD TIME TO SIT DOWN WITH A GREAT GARDEN BOOK AND SHARPEN YOUR GARDENING SKILLS OR PLAN A NEW LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR THIS YEARS GARDEN. YOU MAY ALSO THINK ABOUT A TRIP TO THE LOCAL NURSERIES TO LOOK AT PLANTS THAT DO WELL IN COLDER TEMPERATURES!

### Top 10 L&L Items of Interest:

1. ARC Waterfall light replacement.
2. Central irrigation Update.
3. New Landscape Contract review Underway.
4. L&L Irrigation: Meter/use inventory in progress.
5. Street Light Repairs Briggs Ranch, WCE, WCS.
6. Tree Work: Deciduous Tree work to commence.
7. Current Encroachments: ARC, WCS, BS, POR.
8. L&L staff gets training on GPS/GIS.
9. New Pedestrian Trail in BSU3 completed.
10. Landscape Standard Specifications under Review.