



OFFICE OF  
THE CITY MANAGER  
MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** November 2, 2016  
**TO:** Mayor Oertle and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Richard Marsh, City Manager  
**RE:** City Manager's Weekly Report

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This is the weekly report for the week ending November 4, 2016.

- **CITY MANAGER'S 90-DAY REVIEW AND OBSERVATIONS PRESENTATION**

As you are aware, I presented my 90-day Review and Observation report at last night's City Council meeting. I would like to thank you for the time and attention you afforded me to present my findings.

I would also like to extend a big "Thank You" to Mrs. Monica Flores, who took the time to sit down with me and form my notes into the 16 page outline for the PowerPoint slide, and to Mrs. Ashlee Coronado and Mrs. Nina Williams who put the PowerPoint slide together from the outline Mrs. Flores provided them. These ladies worked very hard all last week and the first part of Monday and Tuesday to ensure you were presented with the highly informative end result.

I had to condense four hours-worth of data into a 25 – 30 minute presentation, so I do apologize to those individuals, committees and organizations I did not include in the slide (the iBisbee committee, and many others who I am certain were unintentionally omitted but who are a valuable and important asset to the success of the City of Bisbee).

I have attached a copy of the PowerPoint presentation for your review.

- **PSPRS MEETING**

I will be attending the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) meeting this Thursday in Phoenix to discuss the Report on Risk Pooling and Local Board Consolidation, which resulted from the passing of Senate Bill 1428. This bill enacted numerous important reforms for PSPRS, including changes to the governance of the System and the creation of a new benefit tier (Tier 3).

We will also be discussing two issues that were not addressed by the Bill, which are “a) the extent and the basis of liability risk pooling to be established for Tier 3, and b) the extent, if any, to which the local boards (Local Boards) of the System should be consolidated”. Per the new bill, the PSPRS board is required to study these two issues and report its recommendations to the State Legislature no later than February 15, 2017.

- **US / MEXICO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**NADB-BECC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.** I have been invited by the North American Development Bank (NADB) and the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) to attend a Public Board of Directors Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. I will be leaving Wednesday, November 16, 2016 and returning on Friday, November 18, 2016, to attend.

According to the invitation I received, the purpose of this meeting is to “provide an opportunity for a direct exchange of information with the Board of Directors about the work of NADB and BECC, discuss (our) projects and share (our) views on environmental infrastructure and issues affecting the border communities, as well as to offer suggestions for ways of enhancing the programs and services offered by the two institutions”.

To date, the Public Works department has received grant funding from these organizations. The Wastewater Treatment Plant funding package for the Solar Array as well as, is our understanding, pre-approval of a \$5,000,000 grant to fund a Sewer lateral project for Brewery Gulch in Old Bisbee (pending final approval). I will also be exploring possible infrastructure grants for Naco Highway, as well taking advantage of the relational building opportunity this meeting will provide.

**HERMOSILLO, SONORA MEXICO.** The Tucson Hispanic Chamber has extended an invitation to me to attend the Trade Mission Expo, “vive la Expo Industrial2016” in Hermosillo, Sonora Mexico November 8 – November 10, 2016.

This event brings together more than 3,000 owners from the States of Sonora, Sinaloa and Baja California. It is an excellent Economic Development opportunity, as we explore how to bring additional businesses to the City of Bisbee and how to partner with our neighbors to the South.

Additionally, I have arranged to have several individual meetings with dignitaries from the city of Hermosillo, the States of Sonora, Sinaloa and Baja California to form and build new relationships which will benefit both the City of Bisbee and the city and States of Mexico.

In my role of Community and Economic Development Director, I plan on increasing my trips to various organizational meetings and events such as these (albeit in a selective, strategic and fiscally-minded manner) in order to benefit our community and economic development goals.