

# PERC Water awarded a top tier award

PERC Water was awarded a top tier award at 2011 Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) Western Pacific Region's Awards Banquet last night at the Newport Marriott. They were presented the "Best Project - Water" Regional Award for implementing "interdisciplinary teamwork, innovation, and problem solving" for the Santa

Paula Water Recycling Facility. The DBIA awards honor projects for their "advanced and innovative application of total integrated project delivery and finding unique solutions for project challenges." The Santa Paula Facility was recognized for its ground breaking approach to developing water recycling infrastructure, both in its

utilization of the Design - Build - Operate - Finance (DBOF) delivery method and its innovative design. The facility was 100% privately funded without any up front capital cost requirements from the City of Santa Paula, was completed seven months in advance of its mandated compliance deadline, saves approximately 35% in power consumption costs, and produces recycled water that is available for reuse within the community.

The Santa Paula Facility was designed, built and is currently being operated by PERC Water. They, in partnership with Alinda Capital, financed the project and it is the first of its type under California Code 5956, allowing for a DBOF delivery method. They were awarded the DBOF contract in May 2008, broke ground two months later, and the new facility began treating 100% of the City's wastewater in May 2010.

The Facility utilizes advanced treatment process technologies incorporating MBR (membrane bio-reactors), aerobic sludge digestion, and UV (ultraviolet) disinfection that produces CA Title 22 compliant effluent. PERC Water's unique design utilizes common wall construction and underground tanks to help achieve a small footprint and maximum odor and noise control.

# Report of cougars in schoolyard case of mistaken identity

By Peggy Kelly  
Santa Paula Times

With the recent capture and release of a larger than average bear in a residential neighborhood, citizens are probably keeping an extra sharp eye out for wildlife. And heightened awareness could have led to a recent report of cougars on a school campus, a report, according to Santa Paula Police Sgt. Jimmy Fogata, that was a case of mistaken identity.

SPPD officers responded to a report that two mountain lions had been spotted on the campus of Glen City School on the afternoon of Friday, May 27 when school was not in session. Fogata said, "Someone driving by" the campus, located at the corner of West Main Street and Steckel Drive, "called police and said they spotted two cubs in the school yard and they thought one had a gopher in its mouth."

Officers were able to access the fenced schoolyard and residences in the immediate area were notified that police were investigating the reported mountain lions. Police were on the scene for about 25 minutes when they determined it was a case of

mistaken identity, and that two "actually pretty big" housecats had been confused with mountain lions.

Fogata said although the cats turned out to be of the domesticated kind, citizens should not hesitate to call the SPPD if they think they see a wild animal, or for that matter any activity animal or human that causes them unease. "We believe it's better to be safe than sorry," said Fogata. "After all, we had a bear in deep in a residential neighborhood" in recent weeks that had to be tranquilized and

transported back to the wild.

The bear was spotted in the 200 block of North 8th Street - between Santa Barbara and Santa Paula streets - on May 13, two weeks before the false cougar sighting. Almost exactly one year before - on May 14, 2010 - another oversized black bear was discovered in a McKeve Heights neighborhood.

The school area neighborhood where a passerby believed they spied the mountain lions last week did have a confirmed cougar sighting in June 2009.

## Ed York Joins Century 21 Buena Vista

Ed York is a long time real estate agent and has joined Century 21 Buena Vista and will be working from both the Ventura and Santa Paula offices.

A resident of Santa Paula, Ed was born and raised in a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts.

He moved to Ventura in 1986 to enjoy living in the wonderful mild climate and re-establish his photography business, Images by York, which specialized in architectural photography.

Over the next 15 years he provided real estate agents, real estate companies and real estate publications with quality photographs and outstanding service. In 2000 he joined Re/Max Gold Coast Realtors and within a year was promoted to office manager for one of the owners. Three years later he decided to take on the challenge of being a full-time real estate agent.

Since then he has a proven record of providing his clients,

both buyers and sellers, with honest, reliable and outstanding service.

He is likely a familiar face around town because of his passion and expertise at holding open houses and making new properties accessible to buyers.

"Ed is the caliber of agent real estate companies are excited to welcome into the family. Ed's maturity and good view of life is an asset to the industry as well as to our office," said Kay Wilson-Bolton, owner of Century 21 Buena Vista.

Ed is a member of the Ventura County Coastal Association of REALTORS®, the and the Ventura County Regional Data Share which now has a coverage from Ventura County to San Diego counties.

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