



"Quality Service Through Teamwork"

"Give us a Break"- Go Slow for the Cone Zone

The City of Turlock Municipal Services Department is coordinating a "Slow for the Cone Zone" outreach campaign in an effort to encourage motorists to slow down and use caution when passing City construction and maintenance zones.

During the week of August 5th-11th the City will increase outreach efforts through billboard displays, newsletter articles, etc. to encourage motorists to stay alert, obey the traffic laws and signs, and pay attention to their surroundings, especially in work zones.



The following tips (provided by The California Department of Transportation) are strongly encouraged to help motorists stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones:

- Do not speed in work zones; obey the posted speed limits.

- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers; drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile phones, particularly while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts, and merge when directed to do so.
- Be Patient!

For more information on the "Slow for the Cone Zone" campaign, please call the City of Turlock's Municipal Services Department at (209) 668-5590, or visit the City's website at www.CityofTurlock.org.

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Meet the Municipal Services Staff



Michael Cooke
Deputy Director of Municipal Services
City employee since 1992

Interesting Fact about Michael:

I am originally from the UK. I met my wife, Monica, when we were exchange students in Germany. My wife is from Hickman and we ended up living in Turlock once we got married. I moved to the USA in 1992 with \$200 and a one small bag of possessions. I became a US citizen in 2005.

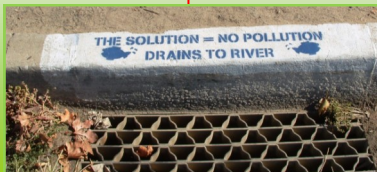
Quote from Michael:

I like the old recruiting statement of the US Army: "Be All That You Can Be." Also, my mum influenced me to follow The Golden Rule: "Treat others as you would wish to be treated."

Michael Cooke
Deputy Director of Municipal Services
(209) 668-5599 ext. 4418

"ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN"

Water that flows off our yards, streets, parking lots and driveways into storm drains eventually ends up in the San Joaquin River. The storm drain system and sewer system are completely separate. Our storm drains transport water untreated to City storm ponds where it eventually percolates back into the ground, or is pumped to an irrigation canal and ends up in the San Joaquin River. As water makes its way to storm catch basins it picks up and takes with it all the pollutants found on City



streets, sidewalks, gutters, driveways and parking lots.

Help us reduce pollution in the San Joaquin River by doing the following:

- Comply with the City landscape watering schedule
- Don't overuse fertilizers or pesticides
- Pick up your pet's waste
- Sweep up yard debris into green container
- Call 668-5590 to report any illegal dumping

The Municipal Services Department Welcomes New Division Managers

The Municipal Services Department has some new divisional leadership for the Regulatory Affairs Division and Water Quality Control. Michael Cooke, former Regulatory Affairs Manager now serves as the Deputy Director of Municipal Services. Filling Michael's former post, and new to the organization, is



Garner Reynolds

Garner Reynolds. Reynolds joins the Department with extensive knowledge of public administration, coming from his previous post as Public Works Director at the City of Newman.

To fill the vacancy left from the recent retirement of John Steve Wilson, the previous Water Quality Control and Plant Manger, Wayne Clay will take over the reins at the Turlock Regional Water Quality Control Facility. Clay is another new face to the COT personnel roster and joins the

organization from his previous position of Operations Manager at the City of Madera. The Municipal Services Department would like to bid farewell and say thank you to



Wayne Clay

Department Dan Madden, who will be retiring in September after 28 years with the City, and give a warm welcome to those who will be joining the team in their place.

City of Turlock- Municipal Services Department

The Municipal Services Department is a full-service department, managing a wide variety of areas serving the citizens of Turlock. This department provides and maintains important public infrastructure systems, such as water, wastewater and storm water to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Turlock and its visitors. The Department's main objective is to provide effective leadership and fiscal responsibility in the delivery of municipal infrastructure in order to promote economic development and improve the quality of life for Turlock's citizens and visitors.

For more information on Municipal Services, please call 209.668.5590 or click [here](#).

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