



## Annual Report 2001-2002

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City Hall

Welcome to San Jacinto's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001-2002. The City Council and staff hope that this publication is informative and provides you with a better understanding of the operations and performance of your local government.

San Jacinto has a rich heritage and during the past year City Council and staff worked to preserve this heritage, while taking advantage of new opportunities. In the following pages, you will find highlights of community events like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Celebration, progress on the historic Estudillo Mansion, street improvement projects, updates from City departments, and



4th of July Celebration at the Estudillo Mansion

the financial outlook for the next year.

The City welcomes your input and invites you to participate in the future planning of our community. Your com-

ments on how we can build upon our successes can assist San Jacinto in reaching new heights – as an ideal community to live, work, and enjoy.

## City Administration

The City Manager's Department oversees the day to day operations of the City and manages a wide range of programs and services. Among them are the City Clerk's office, Human Resources, the Community Center, and the San Jacinto Municipal Museum. The following highlights the year's accomplishments.

**San Jacinto's Annual Report of Accomplishments**  
The first edition of this report

was published in November 2001, which highlighted the events and accomplishments of the past year and provided residents with an annual overview.

**Community Facilities District No. 2** A Memorandum of Understanding was reached with the Elliott Group, Rancho San Jacinto's major bondholder on infrastructure improvements. This accomplishment will permit new development and

lower special tax assessments for property owners in the Rancho San Jacinto community.

**Capital Improvement Projects** Oversight was provided to insure efficient use of public resources and timely completion of \$3.1 million in capital improvement projects. Details on these projects will follow under their respective departments.

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## City Administration (continued)

**Warwick Street Erosion** Property was acquired to provide for the completion of the drainage improvements in the New Beginnings housing development north of Seventh Street and west of Kirby Street.

**Lighting Landscape Maintenance District** A Landscape Needs Assessment Report that will guide the City's Lighting Landscape and Maintenance District (LLMD) was completed. The report proposed the installation of enhanced landscaping in various greenbelt areas and provided recommendations to reduce the deficit in the District.

**Urban Water Management Plan** This plan outlines different ways for the City's water customers to conserve water resources and learn about conservation.

**Southern California Edison Franchisee Agreement** Utility companies that use City right-of-ways for their transmission lines and equipment must pay franchise fees. A new agreement was reached between the City and Southern California Edison (SCE), which will provide additional funding for the General Fund and City services.

**Park Manor** The former Park Manor property was acquired and the building demolished. The property will be developed as an infill-housing project funded through the City's Redevelopment Agency.

**Neighborhood Strategy** To promote revitalization of the City's residential and commercial neighborhoods, a Neighborhood Strategy was created. The Strategy pro-

vides the framework for housing programs, proactive code enforcement, street and sidewalk construction, and overall neighborhood improvement.

**City Clerk's Office** The City Clerk supported 34 City Council Meetings and 24 Redevelopment Agency Meetings during the year.

**San Jacinto Municipal Museum** The Museum exhibits were redesigned to better tell the story of San Jacinto's rich history. Two modern lighted display cases were donated by the San Jacinto Museum Association for the exhibits. The public is invited to visit the Museum at 181 East Main Street on Thursday through Saturday afternoons from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



San Jacinto's Annual Report of Accomplishments

### City Facts

Year Incorporated—1888

Population - 26,125

Size - 26.81 Square Miles

## Community Highlights

Several community events highlighted the year to honor veterans, celebrate our Nations independence, and spotlight the family. The City Council introduced two new events to the community, the Veterans' Memorial Ceremony and the Festival of Families.

The Veterans' Memorial Ceremony was held at Druding Park in November to honor the many veterans that served our country. Representatives from the Armed Forces, governmental agencies, and the City were in attendance.

The winter holidays began with the Lighting of the Tree at Hofmann Park, followed by the Festival of Families at Mt. San Jacinto College on

January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Festival of Families provided people of all ages with a wide range of entertainment and activities. The Merry Makers March led guests to the event, where they were greeted by clowns, live music, story telling, and craft making. A display of fireworks at the end of the event was spectacular.

After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the cities of San Jacinto and Hemet and Valley Wide Recreation and Park District, held a Candle Light Vigil to remember those who lost their lives, provide hope to the many rescue workers, volunteers, and community members, and give encouragement to all Americans.



4th of July Celebration at the Estudillo Mansion

The City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade kicked off the San Jacinto Valley's Independence Day festivities. Thousands of people lined the streets to enjoy dancers, classic cars, horses, floats, clowns, and the Grand Marshals, Stu, Tiffany, and Jimbo from KCAL 96.7 Radio Station. Highlighting the parade was a spectacular fly over by four T-34 planes from the March Aero Club. The Celebration



Veterans Memorial Ceremony

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## Community Highlights (continued)

at the Estudillo Mansion continued the day's festivities, with live entertainment, food vendors, games, clowns, and parade awards. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.



Aero Club Flyover

San Jacinto was honored to have the Estudillo Mansion listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on the California Register of Historical Resources. Placement on the National Register affords a property the honor of inclusion in the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. In addition, the City received a \$50,000 matching grant from the State Office of Historic Preservation to begin rehabilitation of the first floor of the Mansion. The Estudillo Restoration Association provided \$30,000 toward the required match and the remaining funds came from the City.



Estudillo Mansion Reconstruction of the Porch & Balcony

The Mansion received a face-lift with the reconstruction of the porch and balcony. To facilitate access to the porch, a handicap accessible ramp was installed. Wrought iron fencing was also constructed around the property.



4th of July Parade



4th of July Parade

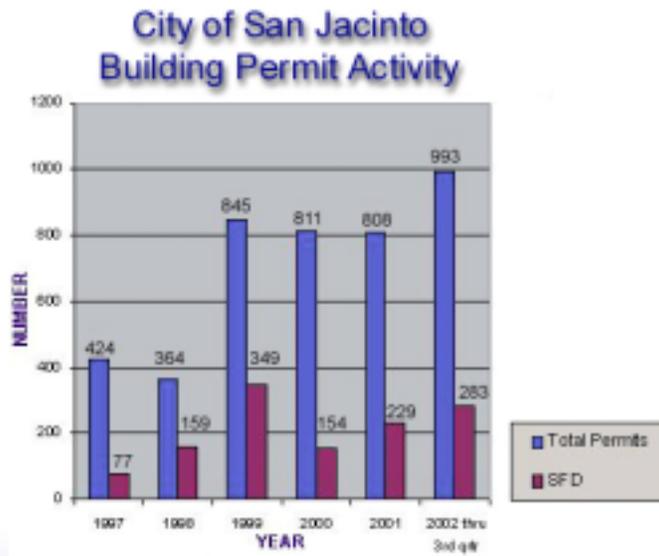
## Community Development

The Community Development Department, comprised of Planning, Building and Safety, Code Enforcement, Redevelopment, GIS/ Graphics, and Economic Development had a very busy year due to increased development activity throughout the City.



Community Development Staff

The Building Division provided inspection services for new housing construction as well as, patio covers, roof repairs, and water heater installation. The Division experienced a substantial increase in permits from 2001 to 2002, with 993 permits issued in the first 9 months, compared to 834 for the prior



year. Permits for 283 new residences were issued during the same period, compared to 229 for the year before.

San Jacinto continues to be a popular place to live. The Planning Department processed entitlement applications for 23 residential subdivisions totaling over 2,500 lots, laying the groundwork

for many new residents in the coming years.

Annexation of 500 acres northeast of the Ramona Expressway and Sanderson Avenue was initiated by the Planning Department. The northeast corner of this important intersection was the only corner not within the

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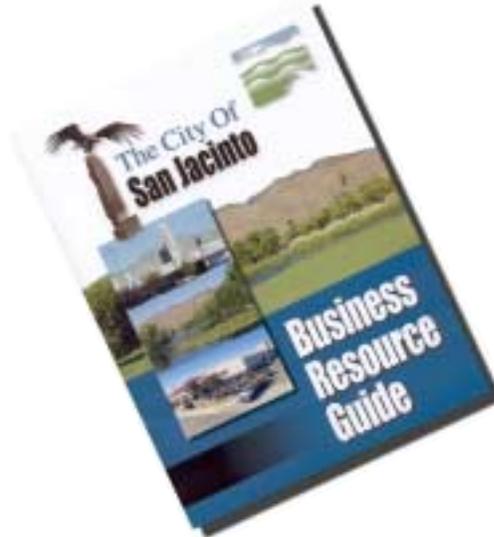


New Housing



Under Construction

## Community Development (continued)



City limits and through the annexation process, this highly visible gateway to the City will experience uniform planning and development.

Economic Development and Redevelopment continued to be a primary focus of the department. Staff worked with several new businesses interested in San Jacinto. Discussions between the property owner of the former Alpha Beta Store, the City, and prospective buyers led to the sale of the property and the opening of El Toro Market. The City also facilitated discussions between Farmer Boy's Restaurants and property owners at the corner of State Street and Esplanade Avenue, enabling the site to become a future Farmer Boy's restaurant. Tiburon Medical Enterprises moved to San Jacinto when the Redevelopment Agency sold the building on 915 Industrial Way to the medical products manufacturer. Other new businesses include Miller Jones Mortuary and Active Adult Healthcare.

In addition to working with new businesses, the City continues to work on retention and expansion of existing businesses. The City is pleased that several businesses have chosen to remain in San Jacinto and expand their operations. Hawaiian Popcorn, which distributes popcorn products nationally chose to stay in San Jacinto after looking at facilities outside the area. National Scent continues to expand, since becoming the west coast distributor for Oxi-Clean products. Hemet Valley Pipe and Supply, a local San Jacinto business, expanded their operations and constructed a new building on Commerce Lane.

Through grant funding, an informational survey of the business community was conducted to assess local business needs. A high percentage of businesses responded that the City is business friendly and responsive. Information from the survey is being utilized to improve business ser-

vices.

The San Jacinto Business Resource Guide, an extensive listing of private and public resources was published to assist both existing and new businesses. You may obtain a copy by contacting the Community Development Department at (909) 487-7330.

Future development along the Sanderson Corridor will be greatly enhanced when the DeAnza Lift Station and Water Project is completed. Construction along Sanderson Avenue between Cottonwood Avenue and Ramona Expressway has been limited due to the lack of water and sewer infrastructure. Most people are not aware that the Mobil Station is served by a well and septic system. To facilitate this effort, the City obtained a \$1,888,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to install the infrastructure. Additional financial support came from Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). The first phase of the project is expected to begin in the fall of 2002.

The Mayor's Business Breakfast was initiated to meet representatives from various industries in San Jacinto and better understand their particular needs. This successful program encouraged open communications with City officials. A request for more specialized occupational health care resulted from one breakfast and the City was instrumental in facilitating the emergence of two clinics to address this concern.

## Police & Fire

In September 2001, following a cooperative agreement between the City of San Jacinto and the San Jacinto Unified School District, a police officer was assigned to the School District. The officer, known as a School Resource Officer (SRO), is paid for by the School District and assists the District with safety and security concerns. The SRO Program has improved response time to local schools and enhanced the public safety capabilities of other officers serving the community.

The Traffic Enforcement Program was reinstated with the addition of new police officers. Two motorcycle officers now patrol the City streets enforcing traffic laws.

Disaster preparedness is more critical than ever for cities since September 11, 2001. The City of San Jacinto was one of the first cities to hold seminars on biological and explosive material hazards following the event.



School Resource Officer

In the City's ongoing efforts to be prepared for future crises, an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) has been implemented to respond to and manage disasters. In cooperation with the San Jacinto Unified School District, an EOC command post will be set up at 2045 South San Jacinto Street (behind the school district offices) to address disasters as they arise.

A broad spectrum of public agencies and professionals will staff the EOC. When called into action, the EOC will disseminate informa-

tion and resources quickly to the public. Training for City staff in emergency management will also be ongoing, to ensure the City of San Jacinto is well prepared for any future crisis.

Fire services are provided through a contract with Riverside County Fire Department. During the year, the local Fire Department responded to 3,388 incidents, an increase of eleven percent over last year. A new fire engine and rescue squad were placed into service to meet service demands of the community.



Fire Department

## Public Works & Engineering

Public Works initiated a street sweeping program with the acquisition of a new street sweeper. This program will promote cleanliness and beautification of San Jacinto roadways. Your help is needed on street sweeping days, by parking vehicles off the street, removing any trash containers, portable basketball stations, and other items that might block the street sweeper. For a street sweeping schedule, please call (909) 654-4041.



Various landscaping improvements at City parks and parkways were completed during the year. They included the Skyview Park turf area, playground equipment replacement, Estudillo

Mansion irrigation upgrades, Rancho San Jacinto bike path improvements, and Heritage Ranch landscape and irrigation improvements.

Water supplies to meet the needs of our growing region has become a major issue in recent years. Aquifers that supply much of the ground water to serve our community are at historic lows and more demands are placed on the Valley's ground water system every day.



Public Works Staff



Bath Reservoir Interior Recoating

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## Public Works & Engineering (continued)



Engineering Staff

On May 4, 2001, representatives from the City of San Jacinto, the City of Hemet, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, and the California Department of Water Resources met to discuss an agreement to promote the development of a Ground Water Management Plan. Since that time a number of meetings and briefings have been held with all agencies to have a thorough understanding of our region's water resources. Substantial progress has been made and it is anticipated that a ground water management plan will be adopted in 2003. The City will continue to work with regional partners and the public to insure conservation of this precious natural resource.

During Fiscal Year 2001-2002 approximately \$3,097,000 of the City's Measure "A", Community Development Block Grants, Redevelopment, and Flood Control Funds were utilized in the planning and construction of the following capital improvement projects:



Lyon Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation

### Pavement Rehabilitation Projects

Lyon Avenue	\$608,000
Lori Ann Street, Pepperwood Street and Los Aone Avenue	\$ 53,000
Rosemont Circle, Reinhart Street, and Lockwood Way	\$ 35,000
Lake Park Drive	\$188,000
Sanderson Avenue—Phase 1	\$780,000
Main Street Improvements (on going)	\$650,000



State Street Sidewalks

### Sidewalk Projects

State Street Sidewalks	\$400,000
Ramona Boulevard & Tiger Lane	\$136,000

### San Jacinto Water District Improvements

Bath No. 2 Reservoir Interior Recoating	\$ 75,000
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### Traffic Safety Enhancements

Signal & Intersection Improvements and Traffic Studies	\$ 37,000
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### Miscellaneous Capital Improvements

Millennium Bridge Block Wall	\$ 75,000
San Jacinto River Levee projects	\$ 60,000



Lake Park Drive Rehabilitation



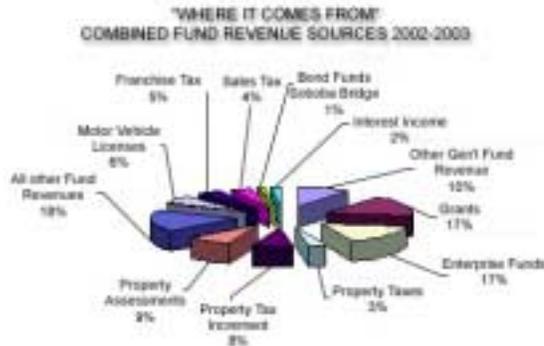
# Finance



Finance Staff

City finances remain sound. The City Council adopted a \$30 million budget for the 2002 - 2003 Fiscal Year, an increase of 15% over last year. Revenues are expected to remain the same, approximately \$23 million. Set asides and an unreserved fund balance will be utilized to complete many capital improvement projects scheduled for the next year.

Fiscal responsibility is of paramount importance to the City and the City expects to maintain a healthy general fund balance of \$2 million and an overall fund balance of \$4 million.



Aerial Photo of the City of San Jacinto

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