



**City of Cortez**  
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## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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July 13, 2021

The following are the top four topics for the previous two weeks:

1. Drought planning and water carriage agreement

City of Cortez staff attended the Montezuma Valley Irrigation (MVI) board meeting today and negotiations have moved forward toward creation of a proposed carriage agreement (water conveyance) wherein MVI will begin delivering our 4.2 cfs senior ditch rights water to both the golf course and Parque de Vida next season. As part of this the City would, at least temporarily, not be using up to 177 irrigation water shares that would then become available for other users.

2. Library director process :

We are testing for a new library director this coming Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. As part of this process there will be a community meet and greet at the library from 1:00-2:30pm where community input will be requested. Please join us. Light refreshments will be served.

3. Capital plans and budget preparation:

We are starting our budget process in earnest. All department heads have submitted their 5 year capital plans and are preparing their budget figures. Department heads and their relevant staff members will be receiving training in early August on how to operate our new budgeting software. The goal is to hold the public hearing and pass a budget for FY2022 by the second Council meeting in October.

4. 2017 Audit:

We are in the final phase of completing the delinquent FY2017 financial audit. The audit has been submitted for final approval and will likely be ready for publication in the very near future. Strong progress continues. Approximately 75% of the FY2018 audit is now complete. I am very pleased about the progress we are making and look forward to our continued success.