



Public Works Commission

**SPECIAL MEETING  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
Wednesday, November 08, 2000, 5:00 p.m.  
Engineering Conference Room, 2201 Dwight Way  
MINUTES**

**Roll Call:** 5:15 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Gartner, Piercy, Perry, St. John, Holland, Broderick  
Absent: Lofton, Alward  
Staff Present: Dorlista Reed

**Comments from the Public:** None

**Discussion points:**

- Commissioners expressed an interest to mesh the priorities of Public Works Commission to the priorities of the Public Works Department. The Public Works Director's personnel priority is to get our buildings into proper shape and set-up a fiscal management system to maintain them, and fund their future replacement. Needs to fund for a greater level than presently budgeted for facilities maintenance by properly allocating costs to various "user" departments.
- We have a huge problem with traffic in Berkeley. Too many unmet needs with an overwhelming amount of citizen complaints. This is more of a social problem due to the political nature of the issues.
- Rain water in the sewer system. Addressing those problems can create additional problems by solving sewer problems. This is a problem that Engineering can solve through construction if adequately funded.
- Public Works is presently funded at 3 1/2 million for maintenance and 5 to 6 million for capital improvements for the sewers. Public Works could easily use double that amount.
- The Public Works Director is trying to bring Solid Waste billing back into the Public Works Department and use the anticipated savings on Transfer Station improvements.
- Public Works Commission should take an active role advocating for Public Works projects. The Public Works Commission could prepare an annual report to address funding. There is a huge amount of community support for infrastructure.
- The Public Works Director suggested each Commissioner contact their Council member, and that the Commission prepare a status report building upon the Public Works Department's staff reports, and to participate in any presentations before the Council.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.