



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2005**  
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:07 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Dacey, Edwards, Holland, Jackson, Prevo, Shumer,  
St. John

Absent: Commissioners Alward, Ongerth (Leaves of Absence)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 2, 2005 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted (MSC St. John/Dacey, with a vote of 6-0-0, Edwards arriving late).

**CHAIR REPORT:** The action on commission meetings has been adopted by Council, as shown in the agenda packet. Further consideration of tenure and service on more than one commission is scheduled for the July 12, 2005 Council meeting.

**STAFF REPORT:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The date for retirement of Rene Cardinaux, Public Works Director, is set for Friday, August 5, 2005. A retirement celebration is being planned for Wednesday, August 3, 2005 from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Berkeley City Club. All Public Works Commissioners and former commissioners are invited.

**PRESENTATION:** The staff report on the status of the Infiltration/Inflow Sewer Correction Program was deferred to a future meeting.

**ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST**

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Council Recommendation on Private Sewer Lateral Program:** The draft report shall be amended, under “Rationale,” to include “Over time, this program will allow systematic evaluation of the contribution to infiltration/inflow based on the condition of private laterals.” The amended report was adopted (MSC St. John/Dacey, with a vote of 7-0-0).

**2. Council Recommendation on Sanitary Sewer Program and Workers Compensation Charges:** Commissioner Dacey recited the questions that have been relayed to the Risk Manager, who has not yet had a chance to respond. Upon conclusion, the Commission’s report will tie this into the annual update of the sewer program and to the development of the private lateral program. The report is targeted for the September 2005 commission meeting.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**1. Possible Use of Clean Storm Water Fund for Creeks Task Force (CTF):** Commissioner St. John provided a copy of the Mayor’s budget message, and it was concluded that the interpretation could well be that the \$100,000 allocation for the CTF’s consultant would come from the Clean Storm Water Fund. It was noted that the Planning Department is the lead for the CTF and that the funding for the consultant should perhaps come from the same source of funding as for the other costs of the CTF, such as City staffing. This item was tabled until more information is available, possibly the September 2005 meeting.

**2. Report on Integrated Pest Management Conference:** Commissioner Holland provided a summary of the conference attended by Commissioner St. John and herself, at staff’s request since the City’s “gets credit” for added attendance under the County program.

**3. Status of Public Works Department Reorganization:** Secretary Egeberg indicated that the elimination of the Facilities Division has essentially been implemented, with 6 staff members transferring to the Engineering Division, two property management staff reporting to Public Works Administration, and Facilities Maintenance returning to the Corporation Yard. The Facilities Division Manager is being assigned to temporarily manage all maintenance operations at the Corp Yard. On another note, Peter Hiller has declined the offer to become Acting Public Works Director. Further plans in this regard have not been announced at this time.

**4. Status of Current Utility Undergrounding Districts:** Secretary Egeberg provided a summary and history of the remaining three Rule 20A districts that have been formed, and of the City’s first Rule 20B district (“Thousand Oaks Heights”), for which the main construction of the substructure is almost complete. He indicated that the schedule to

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complete the three 20A districts is approximately five years. Commissioner St. John led a discussion of the preliminary planning that has already taken place on criteria for establishing new 20A districts. She will make a formal presentation on this at a future commission meeting.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

1. Staff Presentations
  - a. Environmental Issues
2. Issues Being Deferred for Now
  - a. Street Lighting Standards (including maintenance)
  - b. Recommendation regarding Street Cleaning Program
  - c. Citywide Plan for future Rule 20A Undergrounding Funds
4. Reports from Liaisons to Other Commissions

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:47 p.m.