



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 5, 2009**  
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Allen, Henry, Holland, Kojan, Schueler

Absent: Alward, Nelson, Threet

Vacant: Councilmember Worthington's appointee

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting of October 1, 2009  
The minutes were approved as submitted (MSC Allen/Kojan with a vote of 5-0-0).

**CHAIR REPORT:** Commissioners reiterated their request for infrastructure maps, as previously contained in the "Primer."

**STAFF REPORT:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. Watershed Management Plan: Status Report:**

Josh Bradt reviewed the staff-identified goals and objectives of the WMP, which was started in 2008, which include:

1. Stormwater Run-off Volume and Peak Flow Reduction
2. Water Quality Improvement and Protection

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3. Natural Waterway and Habitat Protection and Restoration
4. Public Information, Education, and Participation
5. Urban Livability Improvement

These goals and objectives may be achievable through the use of Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development methods both in the public right-of-way and on private property (bio-infiltration swales, rain gardens, green roofs, rain barrels & cisterns, and permeable paving with optional subsurface stormwater storage and treatment areas).

Three opportunity areas are being explored by staff that could potentially integrate WMP goals and objectives with existing City programs:

1. Retrofit of existing City Right-of-Way
2. Area-Wide Downspout Disconnection Program: reduce I/I by disconnection of roof downspouts from sanitary sewer and capture run-off in on-site rain barrels, etc.
3. Reduction in the Impervious Surface Threshold (to 3000 square feet of impervious surface), as contained in Section C3 of the NPDES Permit.

WMP process components underway include hydraulic modeling of the Codornices and Potter Watersheds; compilation and analyses of existing City programs, and will have sections on current watershed management activities performed by the City; the City's role as a Regulator of land-use, development, and construction activities; its role in creek restoration; regulatory requirements influencing City activities; the studies, analyses, and data used to develop WMP recommendations; Recommended Projects and Activities; and financing the WMP.

After Joshua Bradt's presentation, Commissioners had the following questions and points:

- a. Swales should be in the public right-of-way and not on private property.
- b. Rain harvesting is an opportunity.
- c. There has been no major recent increase in regulations covering creeks and culverts
- d. Notification of public meetings needs to be improved.
- e. C3 requirements are to decrease flooding hazard and improve water quality.
- f. There is significant storm flooding occurring at 6<sup>th</sup> & Camellia.

2. **Climate Action Plan:** Timothy Burroughs made an oral presentation of the material contained in the Executive Summary available on the City's website.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **1. Council Report on Rule 20A Undergrounding (Revised)**

##### **2. Council Report on Street Repair Policy (Revised)**

An initial motion to approve both reports as submitted failed (MS Holland/Kojan with a vote of 4-1-0, Allen voting no). A subsequent motion was passed to approve the second report only (MSC Schueler/Holland with a vote of 5-0-0).

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** (Action may be taken on any information item at this meeting if a majority of Commissioners votes to move it to an action item. This vote may take place at or

before the time the item is scheduled to come up).

**1. Maps for Commission Use:** AT&T Maps of “Uverse” Cabinet Deployment were distributed.

**2. New Sanitary Sewer Regulatory Orders and Permits:** This staff report is held over to the next meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDAS:** The “retreat” Special Meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. This is a public meeting, and an agenda packet will be distributed in advance.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:03 p.m.