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STORM WATER MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Community Meeting Room & Hybrid

2:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2026 – *Action Needed* (10 min)

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

2. Review Fiscal Year 2026 Actuals and 2027 Adopted – *No Action Needed* (10 min)
3. Memorandum for Fiscal Year 2026 Actual Expenditures – *Action Needed* (10 min)
4. Capital Update – *No Action Needed* (15 min)
5. Committee Member Updates: Recruitment and Expiration – *No Action Needed* (10 min)

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

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ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 2:00 P.M.

Present: Mickelson, Perman (chair), Pajjuri, Bennett (vice chair), Mayer, Owes

Absent: None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from November 27, 2025 – *Action Needed* (5 min)

Motion: Committee member Mayer moved to approve the April 22, 2025 meeting minutes.
Committee member Pajjuri seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6-0

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

2. Updated Terms – *No Action Needed* (5 min)
3. Review Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 – *No Action Needed* (15 min)
4. Memorandum for Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget – *Action Needed* (10 min)

Motion: Committee Chair Perman moved to approve the Memorandum with appropriate changes. Committee member Mickelson seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6-0

5. Stormwater Management Fee Rate Increase – *No Action Needed* (5 min)
6. CIP Updates – *No Action Needed* (15 min)
7. Stormwater Compliance Updates – *No Action Needed* (10 min)
8. Council Workplan Debrief and Council Comments – *No Action Needed* (5 min)

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Committee Chair Perman moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Pajjuri seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 P.M.

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Stormwater Management Fund FY2026 Actuals

Public Works Department

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Adopted	Actuals	Adopted	Actuals	Adopted
Fiscal Year 2026 Actuals	Year 8	Year 8	Year 9	Year 9	Year 10
(Amounts in 1000s)	2025	2025	2026	2026	2027
REVENUES	10,477	9,404	10,603	9,636	10,744
Fee Revenue	8,791	8,788	9,002	8,982	9,272
Interest Earnings	225	327	301	425	358
Storm Drain Violation Fines	3	-	3	-	3
Storm Drain Development Review Fees	81	81	81	29	81
Other Revenue	1,377	208	1,216	200	1,030
From Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENSES - Base Program	5,969	5,654	5,802	5,279	5,899
Flood Control Improvement	165	149	168	153	174
Engineering Support	463	153	476	163	449
Storm Water Quality Protection	1,684	1,581	1,718	1,712	1,756
Emergency Response	177	131	182	144	197
Administrative Support Costs	1,540	1,732	1,265	1,202	1,272
Storm Drainage Maintenance	1,940	1,908	1,993	1,905	2,051
To Fund Reserves	(2,919)	2,437	(4,240)	(8,259)	995
EXPENSES - Project & Infrastructure Program	7,427	1,313	9,041	12,616	3,850
Capital Improvements Projects*	6,027	744	7,740	11,757	2,600
Storm Drain System Repairs*	700	351	600	600	523
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Program Engineer Support	195	195	196	196	222
Green Municipal Infrastructure	380	22	380	58	380
Innovative Projects	125	1	125	5	125
Subtotal - non Major CIP	1,400	569	1,301	859	1,250
Total Expenses	13,396	6,967	14,843	17,899	

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**Fiscal Year 2027 Budget**

(Amounts in 1000s, as of April 2026)

Revenue Collected

	Adopted Budget Year 8 2025	Actuals Year 8 2025	Adopted Budget Year 9 2026	Actuals Year 9 2026	Adopted Budget* Year 10 2027
Fee Revenue	8,791	8,788	9,002	8,982	9,272
Interest Earnings	225	327	301	425	358
Development Fees, Violation Fines, Other (Includes Grant Funding)**	1,461	289	1,300	229	1,114
Total Revenue	10,477	9,404	10,603	9,636	10,744

Base Components	5,969	5,654	5,802	5,279	5,899
Base Program (Incl. Flood Control, Engineering and Administrative Support, Water Quality, Emergency Response)	4,029	3,746	3,809	3,374	3,848
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Recurring System Repair (SD-06101)**	700	351	600	600	523
Debt Service for Past Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Program Engineering Support	195	195	196	196	222
Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)	380	26	380	58	380
GSI - CIP Design/Construction	150	4	150	-	150
GSI - Consulting Services	85	22	85	58	85
GSI - Other unassigned tasks	145	-	145	-	145
Innovative Project	125	1	125	5	125
Innovative Project - GSI Consulting Services & Outreach	100	-	100		100
Innovative Project - Rebates	25	1	25	5	25

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Storm Water Management Oversight Committee

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 22, 2026

To: Honorable Finance Committee of the Palo Alto City Council

From: Members of the Storm Water Management Oversight Committee

Subject: Review of Fiscal Year 2026 Storm Drainage Fund Expenditures

As directed by the City Council, the Committee met to discuss the Fiscal Year 2026 Storm Drainage (Stormwater Management) Fund expenditures on Monday, October 22, 2026. Prior to the meeting, Public Works staff provided informational materials about the approved 2017 ballot measure and the proposed budget for the Committee's review. During the meeting, staff presented information and answered questions from the Committee members.

We have reviewed the expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 and compared them with the provisions of the Storm Water Management Fee approved by Palo Alto property owners in 2017. Relying upon information by staff, we find that the attached spreadsheet describing the expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 fairly summarizes the use of the revenue generated by the Storm Water Management Fee and that the expenditures are compatible with the provisions of the ballot measure.

Attachment A:
Stormwater Management Program – Fiscal Year 2026 Actual Expenditures



Storm Water Management Oversight Committee

Attachment A: Stormwater Management Program – Fiscal Year 2026 Actual Expenditures

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Michel, Rajeev, and Vicki

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CORPORATION WAY AND WEST BAYSHORE ROAD PUMP STATIONS AND SYSTEM UPGRADES PROJECT

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STATUS UPDATE ON EAST BAYSHORE ROAD

- Micro-tunneling was completed in April
- Installed 800 LF of 36-inch pipe
- Jacking pit backfilled and converted to a manhole



STATUS UPDATE CONTINUED

- Existing and New pipe tie-in at intersection
- Catch basins and laterals replaced
- Trench restored and pavement redone

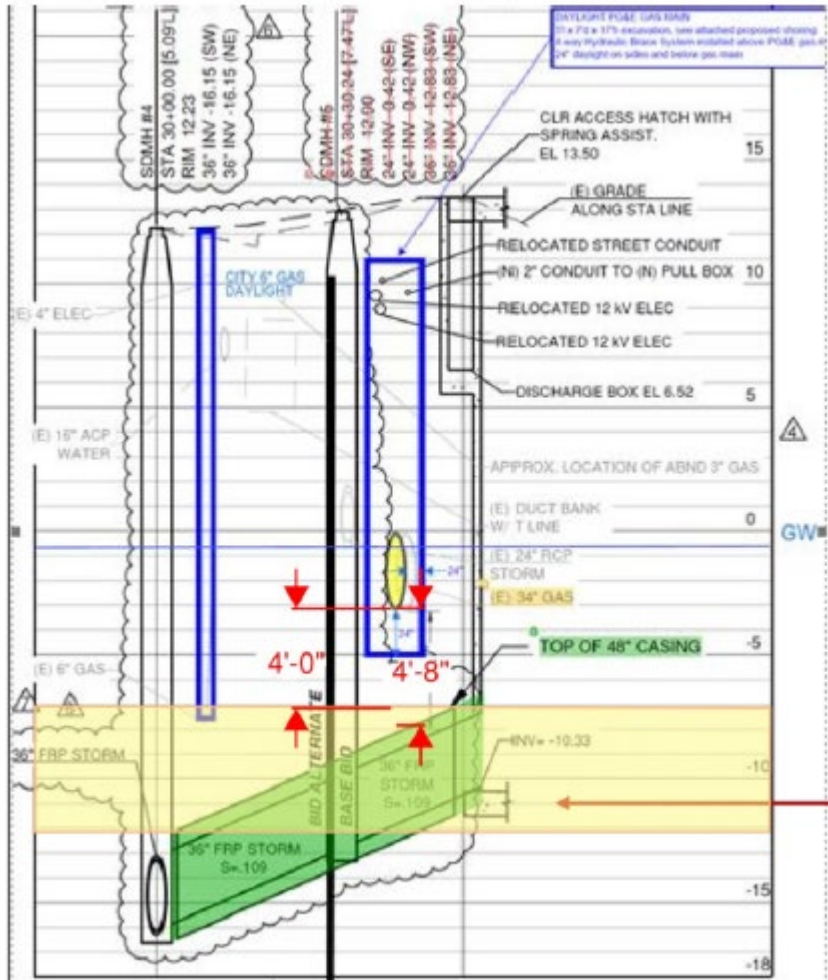
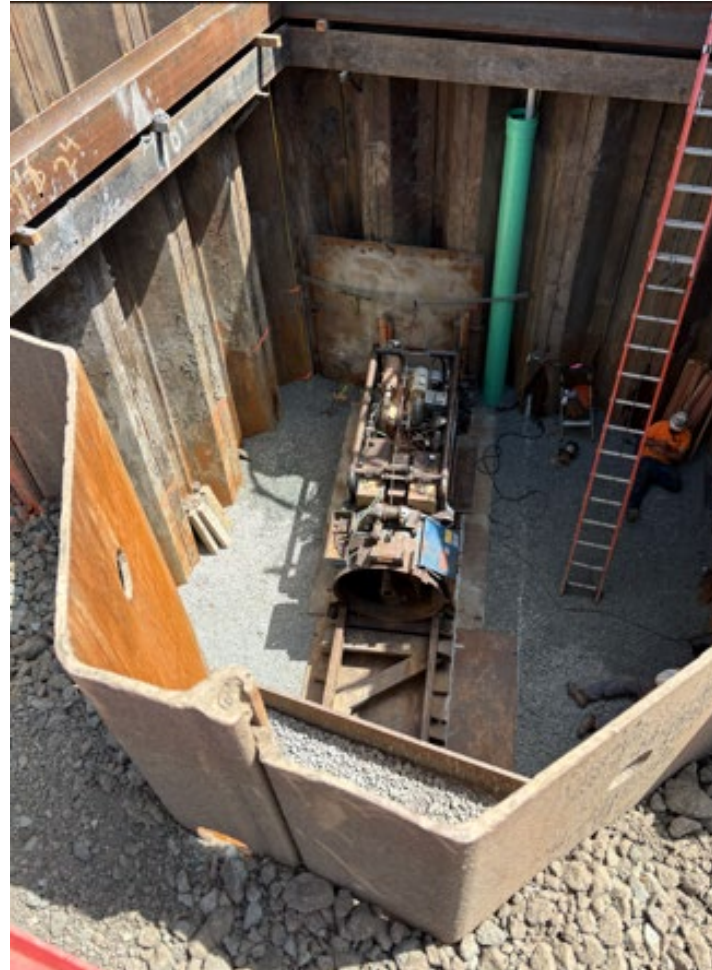


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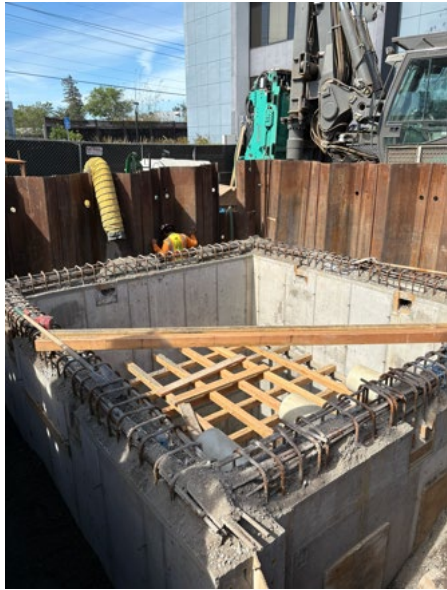
- Shoring for wet well was completed
- Encountered unforeseen groundwater conditions and utility conflicts
- Working with PG&E and CPA-Utilities to complete the pipe installation between wet well and manhole



PUMP STATIONS & SYSTEM UPGRADES (SD-20000, SD-21000, SD-23000) 4



- Started 1-week grouting on 10/1
- Dewatering to follow before pipe can directional drilled between manhole #4 and wet well



STATUS UPDATED ON WEST BAYSHORE ROAD

- Completed the installation of wet well
- Completed the installation of conduit for fiber and electric completed (below)
- Completed installation of storm drain pipe and structures in the public right of way
- On track to be completed this Winter



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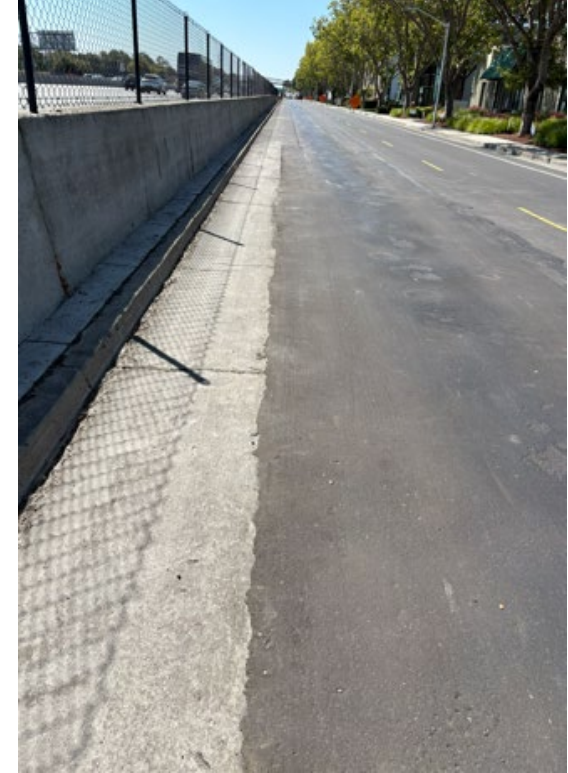
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PUMP STATIONS & SYSTEM UPGRADES (SD-20000, SD-21000, SD-23000)

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Installed 1,500 linear feet of 18-inch storm drain pipe, 6 manholes and paved the road along West Bayshore Road



HAMILTON AVENUE CAPACITY UPGRADES

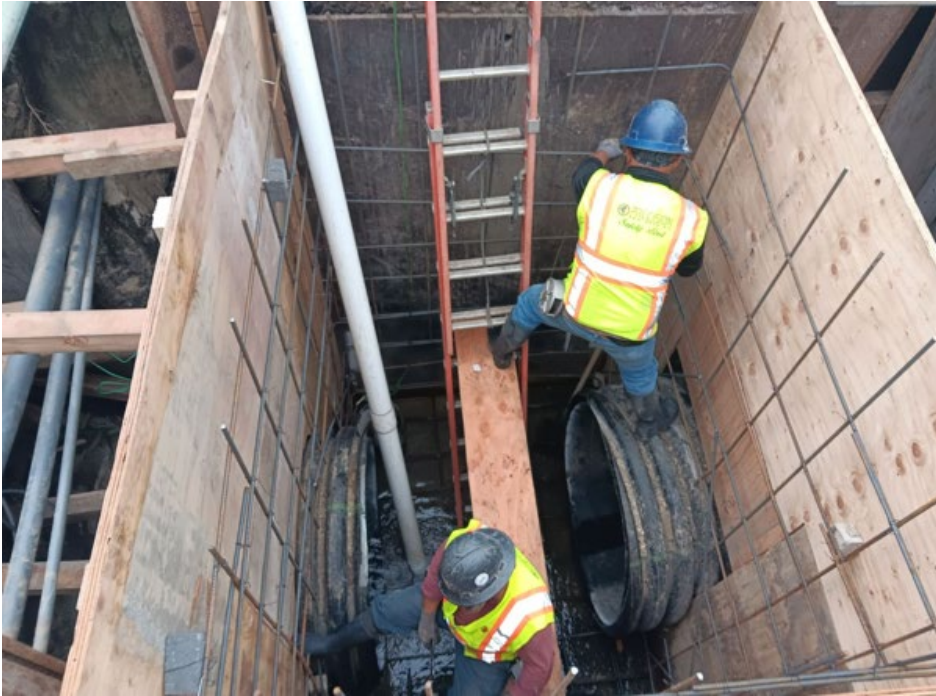
STATUS UPDATE

- Nearly 1,779 linear feet of 48-inch pipe along with 9 catch basins and 15 manholes were installed between Rhodes & Newell (Phase I)
- Existing storm drain between Madison Drive and Rhodes Drive left in place
- Junction box at Alester Ave was installed allowing rehabilitation project to proceed



PROJECT CHALLENGES

- Construction of junction box at Alester Ave and Hamilton Ave (shown below)
- Construction deficiencies in Phase I



STORM DRAIN SYSTEM REHABILITATION & REPLACEMENT (SD-06101)

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Alester Ave from Hamilton to Dana Ave

- Upsizing the existing 12-inch RCP pipe to 36-inch HDPE pipe
- Replace the several manholes and catch basins Lambert / Birch and Country Club / Alexis Dr.
- Replaced broken pipes and structures



Duveneck Elementary School Parking lot



Dana Avenue / Alester Intersection

OVERALL PROJECT

- Contract awarded to Casey Construction, Inc
- Awarded Contract (May 2026) – two-month contract
- Contract Cost: \$600K

STORM DRAIN SYSTEM REHABILITATION & REPLACEMENT (SD-06101)

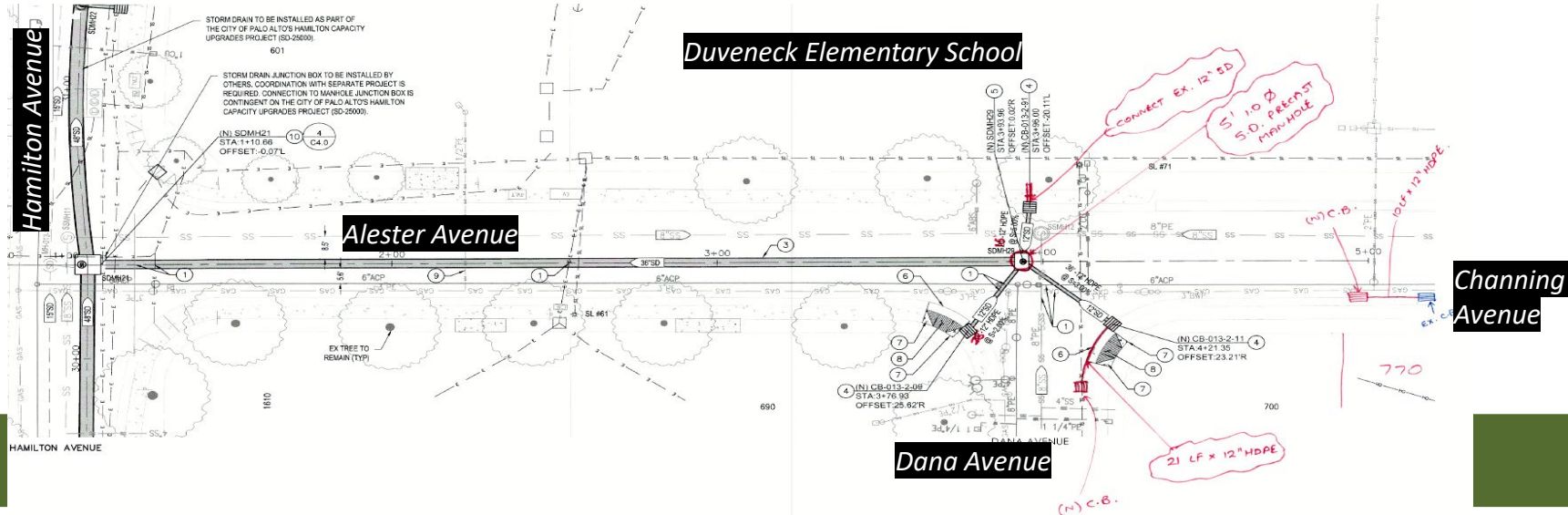
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Channing Avenue / Alester Avenue Intersection

OVERALL PROJECT

- Replaced over 280 LF of 12-inch with 36-inch pipe.
- Replaced 3 catch basins and added 2 new catch basin



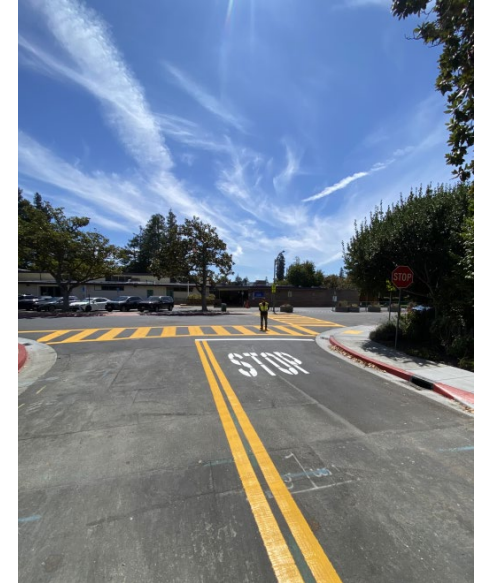
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STORM DRAIN SYSTEM REHABILITATION & REPLACEMENT (SD-06101)

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Work occurred during summer to minimize impact during the school year



Agenda Item #5



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Committee Member Updates: Term Expiration and Recruitment

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Term Expirations

Four-year term

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ambika Pajjuri	05/13/2024	10/31/2028
Gregory Bennett	05/13/2024	10/31/2028
Hal Mickelson	09/11/2017	10/31/2026
Dena Mossai	09/11/2017	03/31/2026
Ron Owes	09/11/2019	10/31/2028
Catherine Perman	05/10/2021	10/31/2026
Kevin Mayer	05/13/2024	10/31/2028

The Committee shall consist of seven members who are selected and appointed by the City Council for a term of four years. Committee members shall serve without compensation. Each Committee member shall be a resident of Palo Alto, an employee of a business located in Palo Alto or an owner of real property within the City. No member shall be a council member, officer or employee of the City.

The committee shall meet at least once a year to review the proposed operating and capital budgets of the Storm Water Management Fund for the next fiscal year.

Members with terms expiring 2026:

- Hal Michelson

Thank you for seven years of service Hal!

Catherine's term will expire Oct. 31 unless chosen for re-appointment.

Recruitment

Recruitment Update:

Interviews of 6 individuals took place on October 19, two of which will be appointed October 26.

Reminder: City Council reduced the number of SWMOC from 5 to 7.

Recruitment Ideas:

- Clarify member roles, time commitments, and how to apply.
- Create a welcome packet and brief new-member orientation.
- Pair new members with experienced committee members.

