



City of Palo Alto

City Council Staff Report

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Title: APWA Accreditation

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Public Works

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On May 11, staff reported to City Council on efforts being made by Public Works Department to obtain accreditation from the American Public Works Association (APWA). In the week of September 14, 2015, a four person evaluation team consisting of the Director of Accreditation for APWA and three Public Works officials from other accredited agencies visited the city to perform an on-site peer review of the department and the accreditation compliance documentation assembled in the process. At the conclusion of the review, staff was informed the team would be recommending the APWA Accreditation Council award Palo Alto's Public Works Department full accreditation. On October 1, the accreditation council voted unanimously to grant full accreditation status to the city for a 4-year period. This was confirmed in a letter from APWA dated October 6, 2015 (Attachment A).

Out of more than 15,000 agencies in North America, Palo Alto's Public Works Department is the 103rd agency to earn this distinction and the 1st in Silicon

Valley. This is a significant achievement for which the staff worked very hard and is very proud. A representative from APWA will attend the November 9, 2015 Council meeting to recognize the city for the accomplishment and to present a formal award of accreditation to the city.

Attachments:

- Attachment A - Letter of Accreditation (PDF)



AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

Your Comprehensive
Public Works Resource

October 6, 2015

Mr. Michael Sartor, Director
Department of Public Works
City of Palo Alto
P.O. Box 10250
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Dear Michael,

It is with great pleasure that I inform your agency of the action of the APWA Accreditation Council on October 1, 2015 to award Full Accreditation to your agency for the ensuing four-year period. The City of Palo Alto Public Works Department becomes the 103rd agency to achieve Accreditation.

You and Larry Perlin, as well as each member of your agency are to be congratulated for expending the time, effort and resources to complete the Accreditation process.

We trust you have found great benefits from working through the Management Practices and that each member of your department will continue to feel a sense of pride at having completed a job well done. Enclosed you will find your site visit results. Also enclosed is a CD with the APWA Accreditation logo for your use in promoting your Accreditation.

Once again, congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,

Ann Daniels
Director of Accreditation

Encl. Site Visit Results
CD with APWA Accreditation logo

CC: Larry Perlin, Accreditation Manager

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