



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Fran Forkas, Retiring Water/Wastewater Superintendent

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2003

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Hitchcock present a Resolution of Appreciation to Fran Forkas, retiring Water/Wastewater Superintendent.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Water/Wastewater Superintendent Fran Forkas is retiring on December 1, 2003. Fran has been with the City since 1974, when he was hired as the head of the City's wastewater treatment facility. In 1977, Fran was promoted to his current position.

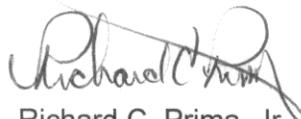
Fran holds various water/wastewater professional certifications, including "California Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Grade V", the highest grade issued. Fran has been very active in professional organizations, including serving as President, Treasurer, and Director of the California Water Environment Association. In addition, Fran has been a Director of the Water Environment Federation and has served on numerous committees for these organizations. Fran is also a member of the American Water Works Association and American Public Works Association.

Fran has been noted for both his loyalty to the City and "his customers" and his tenacity in dealing with the various issues confronting them. Fran has taken great pride in the staff and facilities in the Water/Wastewater Division, which has resulted in well operated and maintained water and wastewater systems at a very low cost.

Fran has been an integral part of the Public Works Department's management team, always willing to "tell it like it is" and work for the betterment of the Department and the City. Fran's leadership, both directly and by example, has encouraged many others in the Department to be involved in professional organizations. Fran's dedication and loyalty to his staff has resulted in a very high standard of performance which will become our challenge to maintain.

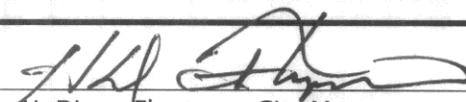
Fran and his wife, Linda, have made Lodi their home and raised their family here. We wish Fran and Linda the very best on his retirement.

FUNDING: Not applicable.


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AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Ronald W. Hertz, Retiring Street Maintenance Worker III

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2003

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Hitchcock present a Resolution of Appreciation to Ronald W. Hertz, retiring Street Maintenance Worker III.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Street Maintenance Worker III Ronald W. Hertz retired on November 12, 2003. Ron had been with the City since 1973, when he was hired as a Maintenance Worker II for the Street Division of the City's Public Works Department. In 1979, Ron was promoted to Maintenance Worker III.

In his 30 years with the Street Division, Ron was helpful in many areas within the division, but two that particularly stand out are training and safety. He was always responsible for making sure that new employees were versed in safe and proper operation of the many tools and pieces of equipment the Street Division uses in the course of its work. He was also responsible for creating the safety training video currently used for the operation of the Street Division vacon.

Before the City of Lodi had computers, Ron had one at home and took it upon himself to make up a checklist of items needed to perform maintenance checks on storm drain slide gates. Not only was this done for efficiency sake, it also included safety items so new employees would be prompted on items that made the process safer. He also developed lists of sites with the locations and special notes of each slide gate within the City system using only handwritten notes on a storm system map.

Ron also assisted every year with the demonstration of equipment to the school children that tour the Municipal Service Center during Public Works Week. He has a unique ability for capturing the children's attention and making a lasting impression. Ron has been the consummate example of what an outstanding employee should be.

Ron has made Lodi his home and adopted fellow MSC employees as family. We wish Ron the very best on his retirement.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

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