



Delegation of Signature Authority for Environmental Permits

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NEED

- Implementation of routine maintenance and capital improvement projects often require environmental permits from local, state, and federal agencies.
- Currently authority to submit and execute environmental permits resides with the City Council.
- Obtaining signature authority can delay permits and project delivery.

PERMITS

- California Department of Fish & Wildlife
 - Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements
 - California Endangered Species Act permits
- County of Sonoma
 - Roiling Permit – Sonoma County Code Chapter 23.



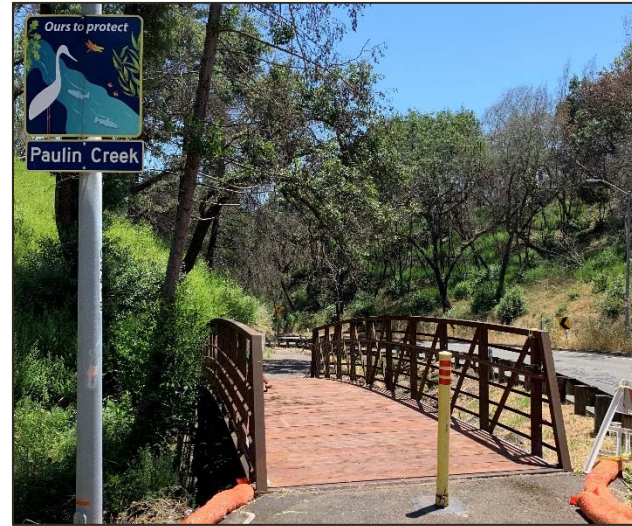
PERMITS

- State Water Resources Control Board/Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - U.S. Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act/California Water Code permits.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - U.S. Clean Water Act and Rivers & Harbors Act of 1899 permits.



PROJECTS

- Capital Improvement Projects
 - Bridges
 - Road Widening
 - Culverts
 - Pipelines
- Routine Maintenance Activities
 - Creek Maintenance
 - Culvert Outfalls



ANALYSIS

- Delegation of authority to secure environmental permits will reduce delays in obtaining permits to provide timely routine maintenance and delivery of capital improvement projects.
- Requested authority would mirror authority already authorized by the Council for state and local encroachment permits.

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- A 2014 BPU resolution delegated authority for Water Department CIP projects. This action would apply to city-wide CIP projects and maintenance activities and cover additional environmental permit types.
- Permits subject to City Attorney's Office review.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended by the Transportation & Public Works and Water Departments that Council, by resolution, delegate authority to the Assistant City Manager and Director of the Water Department, or their designees, to submit applications, approve and execute environmental permits with California Department of Fish & Wildlife, County of Sonoma, Regional Water Quality Control Board, State Water Resources Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for routine operations and maintenance and for Capital Improvement Program projects.

Questions



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