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Hicks to retire, new Public Works director named

Fairfield, California (Wednesday, August 16, 2017)—After more than 30 years of delivering, managing, and directing staffs in building and maintaining public infrastructure and capital projects, George Hicks announced that he will retire, effective December 22, 2017.

Hicks has been the director of the Fairfield Public Works Department since July 2010, and prior to that he served the City as assistant public works director/city engineer from 2007. He was also the Public Works director for the Cities of Winters, Suisun City and Healdsburg. Hicks began his career in public works in Fairfield in 1981 as an engineering intern.

According to City Manager David White, current City Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director Julie Lucido will replace Hicks. “Julie has been a great addition to the City since she arrived from the City of Napa to be our city engineer/assistant Public Works director in spring of 2016,” said White. “Her broad experience and personal capabilities equipped Julie to immediately step in to oversee delivery of some of the City’s largest and most complex capital projects ever undertaken including the Train Station, Jepson Parkway construction, and the East-West Water Transmission Pipeline project.”

Lucido is a leader with 15 years of engineering experience including positions with CH2MHILL, Napa County, and the City of Napa. While at the Napa County Flood Control District, she was project manager for the high profile and award-winning Napa River Flood Control Project that has provided 100-year flood protection for homes, businesses, economic development opportunities, environmental restoration, and recreation opportunities. She currently oversees the Engineering Division of Fairfield Public Works, and its many high priority capital improvement projects. “I have had a solid mentor in George,” said Lucido. “This Public Works Department is full of hardworking, creative, knowledgeable, and committed staff who work to ensure that the city’s greatest assets are designed, built, and maintained to stand the test of time. I am honored to work with these amazing public servants.”

Lucido has led multi-disciplinary teams for project delivery, managed voter-approved funding to implement public projects, and dozens of complex public works projects ranging in size to \$80 million.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from California State University at Chico, is a credentialed California Professional Civil Engineer, and is known in the municipal engineering profession as an acute problem solver.

Lucido takes the helm of the Fairfield Public Works Department, which is comprised of four divisions, Water Treatment, Transportation, Operations, and Engineering on December 23, 2017. Her office is located at City Hall.

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