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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of the Director of Engineering & Capital Projects
Department

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Patti K. Boekamp as Director of Engineering & Capital Projects effective November 8, 2004.

In June 2004, The Hawkins Company was hired to conduct a national search for a new Engineering & Capital Projects Director to replace Frank Belock, after he accepted a new assignment as Water Department Director. A highly competitive field of candidates were attracted from across the county. The selection process included candidate evaluations by a diverse array of stakeholders representing community planning, environment, building industry as well as public agency management. The City's internal candidates compare most favorably among the nations best.

Ms. Boekamp has worked for the City of San Diego for fifteen years, most recently as Chief Deputy Director. In her role as Chief Deputy, she has been involved in helping to shape the strategic direction for the Department and assuming responsibility for several special assignments. She has been the interim Director since June 2004. Ms. Boekamp brings an extensive knowledge of the City's operations, history and local issues. She is effective in interacting with stakeholders and has excellent interpersonal and technical skills. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to staff development, coaching and mentoring. Her leadership style is inclusive and results driven.

I have shared my expectations with Ms. Boekamp, as she accepts this assignment, that she focus on developing new approaches to reducing project costs, improving operating efficiencies for the City's capital projects, and prepare for the likely re-authorization of Transnet funding.

Ms. Boekamp received a Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering from San Diego State University and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Traffic Engineering. She is a native of San Diego County; she and her husband Herb have a 21 year old daughter and two sons, 17 and 14. Please join me in congratulating Patti on her new assignment.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Lamont Ewell
City Manager