



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Certificate of Appreciation for Jerry Gedatus

Report in Brief

Staff recommends City Council recognize Jerry Gedatus upon his retirement with a Certificate of Appreciation for over 34 years of service to the City of Woodland.

Background

On December 31, 2009, Jerry Gedatus will be retiring from the City of Woodland as the Utility Infrastructure Operations & Maintenance Superintendent. Jerry has been an important and influential employee in the shaping of the Public Works Department with his extensive knowledge of the underground infrastructure supporting the City of Woodland's residents and businesses.

Discussion

Jerry began his career with the City on June 9, 1975 as a Maintenance Man I. On March 19, 1986 he was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor and on October 1, 2004 he promoted again to the position of Utility Maintenance Supervisor. On February 1, 2006 Jerry was promoted to his current position of Utility Infrastructure Operations & Maintenance Superintendent.

Jerry is one of those unique employees that have been instrumental in moving the City's Operations and Maintenance staff from a predominantly labor based operation into its current technology leveraged workforce. His skill, experience, and adaptability have influenced both the direction and speed of the organizational changes within the Public Works Department and the City as a whole.

Jerry is a solid example for the younger employees moving upwards in their careers. His dedication to continuous learning, forward thinking and concern for his fellow employees sets the standard for personal achievement and what can be accomplished by any individual that is determined to excel.

Jerry has been a vital partner in the development of the City's Sanitary Sewer Management Plan, the Cross Connection program, Meter Implementation, the City-wide Supervisory Control and Data

Acquisition (SCADA) project. While moving many complicated projects forward, Jerry has remained focused on managing an exemplary utility maintenance program. Jerry's professionalism and pleasant personal communication skills has gone a long way in maintaining the City's relationships with the regulatory agencies governing utility services.

Jerry is a key employee and a good friend to have when quality and speed really matters. He will be hard to replace. Fortunately, he has offered to help us select a new Superintendent who will then have to try and fill the void he leaves behind.

All City staff wishes Jerry good luck and lots of fish on his retirement.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends City Council recognize Jerry Gedatus upon his retirement with a Certificate of Appreciation for over 34 years of service to the City of Woodland.

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Attachment: Certificate of Appreciation

City of Woodland

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION RECOGNIZING JERRY GEDATUS' THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Jerry was hired by the City of Woodland Public Works Department as Maintenance Man I on June 6, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Jerry was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor on March 19, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Jerry was promoted to Utility Maintenance Supervisor on October 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Jerry was promoted to Utility Infrastructure Operations & Maintenance Superintendent on February 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's extensive knowledge and expertise in the City of Woodland utility infrastructure and the operational aspects of the Public Works Department has been fundamental in shaping current department practices and the employees who have worked with him. He has maintained an optimum level of knowledge as it relates to materials, procedures and best management practices.

WHEREAS, Jerry has shown his continued dedication to the City of Woodland in receiving and maintaining all his professional certificates as mandated by the State of California.

WHEREAS, Jerry retired this year with thirty-four years of dedicated, professional and unwavering loyal service to the City of Woodland.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND DOES HEREBY congratulate Jerry Gedatus upon his retirement from the City of Woodland and wishes him well in his retirement and future endeavors.

DATED: December 15, 2009

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member