**EDUCATION**

Sign/pole structures, special inspection are seminar topics

*Highlight California Building Code, Land Development Code*

Two seminars highlighting specific sections of local codes are scheduled for March and April.

On March 14, a new seminar, covering sign and pole structures, will be presented. And, the Special Inspection and Structural Tests seminar returns April 12.

**Sign and Pole Structures**

The 1998 California Building Code and City of San Diego Land Development Code sections covering the structural and electrical requirements, fabrication, permitting, construction and inspection will be covered in this new seminar.

Scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, March 14, it will be held at the Development Services Department Inspection Services Division office, 9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 220.

Use, construction and installation of sign and pole structures must comply with the

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**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

Valuation of permitted work increased in 2000

The valuation of construction work permitted by the City of San Diego during 2000 was the second highest in history, increasing by nearly 11 percent over 1999.

During 2000, permits were issued for construction work valued for city permit fees at $1.97 billion, up from $1.77 billion in 1999. It was the sixth consecutive annual increase

Valuation is established by the International Conference of Building Officials and is used in the calculation of building permit fees. This measurement of

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**STREAMLINING**

**Halbert is new Chief Deputy Director for Planning Department**

Story now assistant to Mayor; Halbert moves from development review

Gary Halbert has been named Chief Deputy Director in the new Planning Department.

In addition to being senior deputy to Planning Director Gail Goldberg, Halbert will also assume many of the duties formerly handled by Tom Story, who is now a Senior Policy Advisor to Mayor Dick Murphy.

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**New departments for city planning, development review created**

City Manager highlights priorities set by new Mayor and City Council members in change

The city's long range planning and development review functions are now in two departments, part of a reorganization announced in December by the City Manager.

The Planning and Development Review Department is now two — Development Services and Planning — as of Janu-

ary 2.

“TO address the priorities and vision expressed by the Mayor and City Council, I have made several operational and orga-
nizational changes in the managerial structure of the City,” City Manager Michael T. Uberuaga wrote in a memo announcing the changes.

The changes in the organizational structure will help the city focus on several priorities, including long range planning. An-
other emphasis that will affect the construction and development industry, storm water pollution prevention, was also elevated in the reorganization.

“Emphasizing each of these priorities in a professional way is critical to the City's future and our success in meeting the needs of the citizens of San Diego,” Uberuaga wrote. “The changes in

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Staff will continue to work together to serve customers

**Valuation of Permitted Work, 1970-2000**

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**Holidays**

City of San Diego Offices Will Be Closed

- **Monday, Feb. 19**
  - Presidents Day Legal Holiday
- **Friday, Mar. 30**
  - César Chavez Day Legal Holiday

**Reminder**

Appointments Save Time! Call (619) 446-5300 to schedule
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Land Development Code and the California Building Code.

Seminar topics include: code requirements, fabrication requirements and inspections.

Cost of this seminar is $45.

Special Inspection
The popular Special Inspection and structural tests seminar is again being held. The session is scheduled from 9

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work performed by permit issued is generally a better measure of construction activity than the number of permits issued.

The value of work increased in all categories (adjusted for the valuation increase) over 1999. For residential new construction, valuation was up 10.5 percent; residential additions and alterations (remodeling) 28.6 percent; new commercial, less than 1 percent; commercial additions and alterations (tenant improvements), 24.7 percent.

The second highest valuation year in history, 2000 follows only 1986's $2.1 billion. Other big years were 1987's $1.96 billion and 1988's $1.9 billion and 1999's $1.77 billion. At the depth of the early 1990s recession, in 1992, valuation was all of work permitted was $675.71 million. 

a.m. to 4 p.m. April 12, at the Development Services Department Inspection Services Division office, 9601 Ridgehaven Ct., Suite 220. Cost is $95.

Topics include requirements for special inspections and structural tests.

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Land Development Code submittal requirements packet available

City Council to review document in February; draft now in use for projects being submitted

Draft submittal requirements for projects needing Land Development Code review are now available.

The draft is scheduled to be reviewed by the City Council in February. Customers can use the submittal packet as a guideline for submitting projects requiring review for zoning, grading, signs and other Land Development Code provisions.

The packet includes checklists to help determine materials needed for submittals, fee schedules and needed forms. It is designed to provide all necessary information for submittal of projects requiring land development code review.

The city’s Development Project Managers are using the manual to help customers make the review process more timely and predictable.

The city’s new Assistant City Manager, La­

mont Ewell.

“The separate Planning Department has Gail Goldberg as the city’s first Planning Director in several years. She reports to the city’s new Assistant City Manager, Lam­

ont Ewell.

“Creating a separate Planning Department will emphasize the long-range planning function and provide a better focus on the city’s strategic planning, general plan and appropriate smart growth initia­
tives, while implementing the Mayor and City Council’s vision for the community,” Uberuaga wrote.

Long Range Planning, Transportation Planning, Facilities Financing, the Multiple Species Conservation Program, Stra­

tic Framework effort, as well as other local enforcement efforts are resulting in regulations that will effect development. The local enforcement chart, but we’re still here to work with the community to ensure projects fit the community plans.”

Statewide storm water pollution pre­

vention efforts are resulting in regulations that will effect development. The local effort has been assigned to a division of the new General Services Department. Storm water pollution prevention staff is working with Development Services to imple­

ment new development regulations on storm water runoff from new develop­

ments and construction sites. 

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 Story advises the mayor on land use, wa­
ter and transportation issues.

Halbert has been Deputy Director of the Land Development Review Division of the Development Services Department since 1995.

“Gary’s broad planning knowledge and expertise in transportation planning and development and infrastructure financing will make him a valuable addition to the Planning Department,” said Goldberg. “Gary’s expertise and experience will con­tribute greatly to the very important Stra­
tic Framework effort, as well as other large scale projects such as MSCP and in­

frastructure.”

Tina Christiansen, Development Ser­

vices Department Director, said no re­placement for Halbert has yet been se­
lected. In the interim, his duties will be as­
sumed by Stephen M. Haase, Assistant Director. 

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