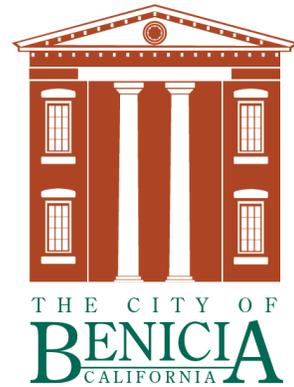


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CITY OF BENICIA COMPLETES 2020 CONDITION ASSESSMENTS Major Utility Facilities Reviewed and Master Plans Updated

Benicia, CA (August 6, 2020) — The City of Benicia Public Works Department is pleased to announce the completion of a 20-year major facilities condition assessment and technical update to the water and wastewater utilities’ master plans. These documents, collectively referenced as the “2020 Condition Assessments”, were produced by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Rocklin, CA office) in collaboration with public works staff.

The 2020 Condition Assessments provide the City a clear, data-based assessment of the water and wastewater infrastructure, and a conservative, realistic list of needed capital projects for the next 20 years. The 2020 Condition Assessments state that the City’s water and wastewater infrastructure is safe in its current state, but strategic repair and replacement projects will need to happen soon to maintain that safety.

Public Works staff worked with Stantec to assess all parts of the water system (including water treatment plant, pump stations, reservoirs, and distribution pipes) and wastewater system (including collection pipes, lift station, and wastewater treatment plant). Stantec then used a mathematical model to help the City determine the risks and consequences of failure for components near the end of their useful life. This long-range view of needed infrastructure improvements is helpful so the City Council can make strategic decisions today.

“The 2020 Condition Assessments help us to understand and maintain the present conditions, and more importantly plan for the future. We will use the information to develop capital budgets and prioritize resources and it can also be utilized to secure additional funding sources,” said William Tarbox, Public Works Director.

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., is an internationally recognized company that specializes in assisting communities and public agencies plan, design, construct, and operate public infrastructure projects.

The 2020 Condition Assessments can be found on the Public Works Department's webpage:

- [2020 Water Condition Assessment](https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/vertical/sites/%7BF991A639-AAED-4E1A-9735-86EA195E2C8D%7D/uploads/2020%20Water%20Master%20Plan%20Executive%20Summary(1).pdf)
([https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/vertical/sites/%7BF991A639-AAED-4E1A-9735-86EA195E2C8D%7D/uploads/2020 Water Master Plan Executive Summary\(1\).pdf](https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/vertical/sites/%7BF991A639-AAED-4E1A-9735-86EA195E2C8D%7D/uploads/2020%20Water%20Master%20Plan%20Executive%20Summary(1).pdf))
- [2020 Wastewater Condition Assessment](https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/vertical/sites/%7BF991A639-AAED-4E1A-9735-86EA195E2C8D%7D/uploads/2020%20Wastewater%20Master%20Plan%20Executive%20Summary.pdf)
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The 2020 Condition Assessments will be presented for discussion by the City Council at its August 18, 2020 Council Meeting. The meeting agenda will be available on August 12, 2020, and may be found on the City's Agendas webpage: <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/agendas>

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