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Development Oversight Commission  
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Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: STANDARD SPECIFICATION 2006 UPDATE**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** For Information Only

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**SUMMARY:**

Information Item: The Departments of Utilities, Transportation and Parks will be taking a revised Standard Specification to Council for approval in November 2006. In addition to asking for approval of the 2006 Standards Specifications, staff will be requesting the Council authorize the City Manager to make changes and develop a formal process for future updates to the Standard Specifications.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- The City's current Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction were adopted by the Council in June 1989 and since that time have been informally amended by memorandums and special provisions that reflect updated procedures or construction practices.
- Beginning in 2004 a committee composed of representatives from Utilities, Transportation (formerly Public Works) and the Parks Departments have been meeting on a weekly basis to update the 1989 Standard Specifications.
- The updated Standard Specifications include modifications to the existing



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standard drawings and the inclusion of new drawings. The 1989 Standard Specifications had 55 standard drawings. The proposed 2006 update has 180 standard drawings (see Section 38).


- The 2006 Standard Specifications have been reviewed internally by the Utilities, Parks and Transportation Departments of the City and externally by the following:
  - Wood Rodgers
  - Granite Construction
  - Teichert Construction
  - Building Industry Association (BIA)
  - Consultant Engineers and Land Surveyor of California (CELSOC)

All comments received both internally and externally have been incorporated in the 2006 update.

- In order to allow for a more formal and timely approach for future updates, staff will be asking the City Council to delegate to the City Manager the authority to periodically amend the Standard Specifications.

**DOC GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Updating the City's 1989 Standard Specification and establishing a procedure for future updates is consistent with the DOC overall goal to "Assist the City of Sacramento in becoming a development friendly city with a streamlined, time-certain development process that encourages and promotes quality, cost-effective and sensible development while creating jobs and revenue and sustaining our excellent quality of life".

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