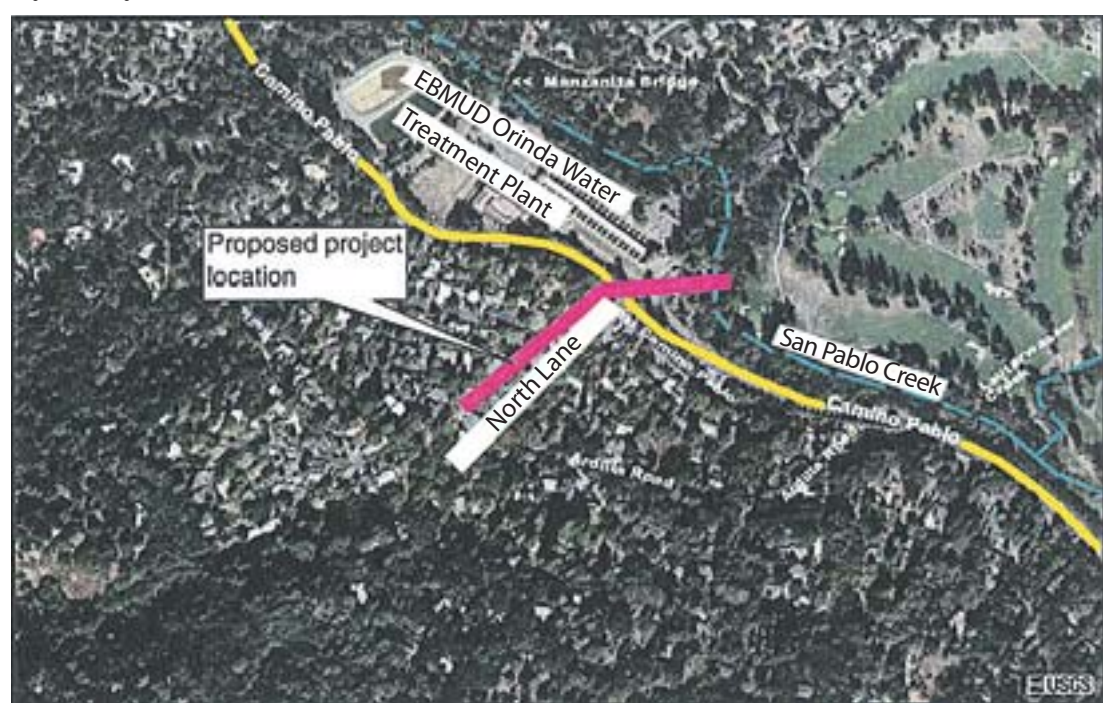


# Two Bridge Retrofits, Storm Drain, Get Go-Ahead

By Cathy Dausman



<http://orinda.waterware.com/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-3417/11020112SR.pdf>

A timeline for two of three bridge projects and a storm drain project was laid out during the February 1st Orinda City Council meeting. All three bridges cross San Pablo Creek. Due to environmental constraints, work in the creek is allowed only from June through October 15. Funding comes from a combination of federal, state and local monies.

### Manzanita Drive Bridge (Replacement):

City staff expects to have environmental sign-off on the Manzanita Drive bridge replacement this spring; actual construction, which includes building a one-lane, temporary bridge downstream and north of the existing Manzanita Bridge,

could begin in the spring of 2012 with Caltrans approval.

### Miner Road (Seismic Retrofit):

Work on the Miner Road Bridge, which will include a pedestrian walkway, will not begin until 2013. The Manzanita Bridge needs to be completed before the Miner Road Bridge seismic retrofit takes place, because traffic will be redirected over the Manzanita Bridge during the Miner Road Bridge retrofit. City Engineer Janice Carey says a pedestrian bridge at Miner Road will be a separate project designed and constructed after the Miner Road Bridge project is completed.

### North Lane Stormwater Mitigation Project:

Flooding in February 2004 and the New Year's storm of 2005-2006 caused property damage and destruction along North Lane at Camino Pablo, and nearly shut down the Orinda Water Treatment Plant. The plant delivers drinking water to 800,000 East Bay Municipal Utilities District customers. The proposed storm drain bypass project will put a 1,000-foot long, 60-inch diameter, reinforced concrete pipe under the length of North Lane and 320 feet of the same pipe under Camino Pablo, crossing EBMUD property to an outlet on San Pablo Creek.

### Bear Creek Bridge (Seismic Retrofit):

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### City of Orinda 2011 Commission/Committee Appointments

(\* indicates reappointment)

#### Planning Commission

- \*Carlos Baltadano
- George Miers
- Nick Kosla (term ends 2/2012)

#### Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

- \*Steven Schnier
- \*Jerry Gager
- Robert Recker

#### Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

- \*Alex Evans
- Darlene Gee

#### Art in Public Places Committee

- Evans Wyro

#### Finance Advisory Committee

- \*Carol Penskar
- \*Robert Thompson
- Owen Murphy (term ends 2/2012)
- Edward Jajeh (term ends 2/2013)

#### Audit and Finance Committee

- Susan Vandergrift

#### Parks & Recreation Commission

- Inga Miller
- Charles Vollmar
- Rachel Zenner (term ends 2/2012)

#### Public Works Aesthetic Review Committee

- \*Ted Urban

The Orinda City Council recently appointed 18 residents to the City's commissions and committees. There were 11 new appointments and seven reappointments. The five City Council members interviewed a total of 33 individuals during a marathon meeting session, which lasted for over seven hours. "The recruitment

process went really well," said City Clerk Michele Olsen, "It was an amazing pool of candidates." Commission and Committee appointments are for three-year terms ending in February of 2014. In a few cases, residents were appointed to fill an appointment midterm.  
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