



City Council

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Dear Lucas Drive Resident:

This is to inform you that the street work on Lucas Drive originally scheduled for this summer has been delayed for one year. In preparation for our project, Lafayette staff has been coordinating with various utility agencies to have their planned work completed before the street repaving. East Bay Municipal Utility District, who provides water service to you, has indicated that it needs to replace an old asbestos-cement pipe in Lucas Drive, but will be unable to complete that work until late fall. The construction process to rebuild the street pavement is highly vulnerable to wet weather. As such, we have determined that it would be unwise to begin the project during a time of year when inclement weather is almost guaranteed, this year's drought condition notwithstanding. The risk for a bad outcome is simply not worth taking. Consequently, the Lafayette City Council has approved the postponement of the project by one year. We expect no issues with completing the work on Lucas Drive by fall 2015.

Meanwhile, you will still observe construction activities on Lucas Drive this summer and fall, when EBMUD completes its water main replacement. The District will be responsible for temporarily restoring any road cuts to allow safe passage by vehicles. Admittedly, the condition of the pavement may get marginally worse before the reconstruction effort next year. We ask for your patience in this regard.

You previously received a notice from Lafayette regarding the need to inspect and possibly replace your sewer connections. Some of you have been notified of frontage curb and gutter work that must be done before the street work commences. If you have decided to undertake improvements to your sewer, or wish to make curb and gutter repairs with your own contractor, we recommend that you take advantage of the additional time now available to complete those projects this year.

While this delay is not entirely within Lafayette's control, please accept our apology. We will communicate again later this year about the status of the road project.

Sincerely,

Matt Luttrupp
Senior Engineer
