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Subject: Public Works Director/Town Engineer Myke Praul Announces Retirement

After over twenty years of public service, Myke Praul, Public Works Director and Town Engineer for Yountville, has announced he is retiring at the end of April according to Town Manager Steve Rogers. Hired in May of 2004,

Mr. Praul considers his work to resolve the long-term water supply issues for the Town as one of his significant accomplishments. He worked in partnership with former Mayor Todd Carlson, former Under Secretary of Veteran's Affairs Roger Brautigan, former Town Manager Kevin Plett, Veteran's Home Administrator Marcella McCormack and former Facilities Manager Andy Ellicock to secure a long term water supply agreement with the Veterans Home that satisfies the current and future water needs of the Town. This agreement, along with the construction of the municipal well and NBA water sale agreement with the City of Napa, provides a secure water supply for all residents and businesses.

Mr. Praul noted that other accomplishments over the five years he was at the Town included:

- Completion of the \$3 million plus floodwall project on time and under budget
- Completion of the Community Pool Project
- Reconfiguration of the "Point"
- Design, approval and start of construction of the Community Center & Library Project

- Establishment of the Town's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program
- Establishment of the Town Forestation Program
- Completion of the Town Hydrology Study; Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Report; project review and approval of Yountville Square, Villagio Spa, the Vintage Events Center, Bottega, Redd Restaurant, Ghiradi Place and the Bardessono.

"It has been a joy to work for the Town, with the support of the Town Council, Town staff, Veteran's Home staff and the residents" Praul commented. "I have benefited from the tremendous talent and support of the public works staff and the Assistant Town Engineer, Paul Klassen with his firm Coastland Civil Engineering."

Myke indicates will be doing part time consulting work on local water supply and wastewater reclamation projects. His wife Rebecca, Lucy the Labradoodle and he will be spending considerable time helping with their first grandchild due in May. As a member of Engineers Without Borders, Myke and Rebecca will be traveling to under-developed nations to assist in water supply and environmental issues.

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