

TRIC Tools Attends Alameda's March 27th Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Ordinance Meeting

Alameda's [Pipe Bursting](#) Manufacturer, TRIC Tools, attends local Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) meeting. Most of Alameda's Real Estate professionals also attended the meeting to see potential changes to see the PSL program and how it would affect their business.

Alameda, CA ([PRWEB](#)) April 07, 2014 -- TRIC Tools, Alameda's Trenchless [Pipe Bursting](#) manufacturer attended the March 27th Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Ordinance Meeting. The meeting took place at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA. Most of Alameda's Real Estate Professionals attended the meeting along with a few plumbing companies. Michael Lien, CFO of TRIC Tools, sat next to local realtor Rosemary McNally (www.rosemarymcnally.com) and Ryan Charles of Advanced Trenchless (www.gotrenchless.com). Advanced Trenchless bought a 2nd TRIC pipe bursting system in order to keep up with his company's PSL workload in Oakland. Ryan said, "I'm here to compare the PSL certification procedures between Alameda and Oakland."

In the late 1990's, TRIC invented and patented the first practical Lateral [Pipe Bursting](#) System while simultaneously gaining national approval of HDPE pipe for its use, thus opening the market for trenchless home sewer replacement in America. Since 2013, TRIC's Director of Marketing and Training has worked closely with EBMUD in drafting his "Cash for Compliance" presentation. This presentation outlines Northern California's adoption of a Private Sewer Lateral ordinance for handling sewer replacements. TRIC is using this presentation to educate the trenchless technology community about sewer lateral replacement programs and pipe bursting best practices for replacing upper and lower laterals.

Anne DeBardeleben from Alameda Association of Realtors (AAOR) welcomed everyone to the event and introduced Bob Haun, Alameda's Public Works Director. Mr. Haun gave an introduction to the problem that Alameda is facing, referenced the EPA lawsuit and impending Consent Decree. This Decree mandates the action Alameda must take to bring the upper and lower sewer laterals into compliance via testing and replacement. EBMUD representatives Ben Horenstein, Doug Linney and Jackie Kepke discussed their PSL program in detail. Alameda Building Official, Greg McFann, gave comments on the City's ordinance.

Mr. Haun discussed the EPA penalties of \$1,000 per day that the city could be liable for if any compliance step is missed, and these penalties can build over 22 years for missing something that wasn't done correctly. Haun noted that except for Berkeley, all local cities are shifting the responsibility to EBMUD. The Alameda Building Department no longer issue building permits, so all compliance certifications will go through EBMUD and will be available online. Since the EPA only allows a 20 year certification, they have agreed to grandfather 25 year certifications previously approved by Alameda. Moving forward, these types of certifications will only be 20 years. All city certification programs will be required to at least be as restrictive as EBMUD.

For more information about Trenchless [Pipe Bursting](#) equipment or the trenchless industry in general - please call 888-883-8742 or visit TRIC's website at: <http://www.trictrenchless.com> to see how they can answer any of these questions for you. Get your Trenchless Sewer and Water Replacement service off on the right foot, and help get you profitably pipe bursting.



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