



STAFF REPORT
2/12/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Water Lateral Replacement Cost Share for Rancho Mariposa – Tract 30831 in the Amount of \$40,000.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the cost share payment of \$40,000.00 for the replacement of twenty (20) water laterals for Rancho Mariposa – Tract 30831

BACKGROUND:

City staff completed and administrative review of Architectural Review No. 23 – 11 at the end of 2023. As part of this review, the Utilities Department provided conditions of approval, which included direction to submit water, and sewer improvement plans to ensure construction of the proposed project adhered to updated City Standards and Specifications.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Rancho Mariposa Tract 30831 project started around 2004 and remained unfinished due to the housing crash. Twenty (20) lots remained unfinished and construction fronting these lots such as the roads, water infrastructure, and other items remained incomplete. The original project installed plastic water service lines, which the City no longer approves due to its high failure rate, which causes leaks and interrupts service when repairs are required.

The City conditioned the project to replace the plastic services with copper tubing, which is now the standard practice of the City to install, and is a material that is used by neighboring water agencies.

The project applicant expressed concerns to the City about the cost associated with replacing these service lines, and the City expressed concerns about leaving them in place and provided examples of past experiences where the existing plastic service lines have remained in place and caused significant issues soon after projects are complete that result in tearing our sections of new roads as was the case at Vista Escondida.

The project applicant proposed cost sharing. City staff requested a cost estimate to replace the twenty (20) laterals to consider. The cost to replace the laterals came in at \$4,000 per connection, which results in a total cost of \$80,000.00

FISCAL IMPACT:

A request to appropriate \$40,000.00 from the reserve balance in the Water Utility Fund and placed in the budget line item for Repair and Maintenance Services (Operations).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Invoice for Cost Share