



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 15, 2025
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Status report on the Recycled Water System Upgrades: Phase 1 Construction and Change Order Approval.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order for Construction of the **Recycled Water System Upgrades: Phase 1** Construction and Change Order Approval for Auburn Constructors LLC, for an additional \$154,452.10

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

As Council is aware, on September 9th, 2024, the City Council approved the award of the Construction of the **Recycled Water System Upgrades: Phase 1** for Auburn Constructors LLC for an amount not to exceed \$6,953,300.

Phase 1 of this project is meant to convey recycled water from the WWTP to adjacent farm fields and a fill station to supplement water use for agricultural and construction activities. Phase 2 of the project will upgrade and provide redundancy for the WWTP treatment process as well as extend recycled water force mains to be used for irrigation at the high school, fairgrounds, and other adjacent facilities. SRF has agreed to fund both phases of the project for a total of \$33 million dollars. As design is completed and costs are better defined for Phase 2 we will solicit input from Council on how best to complete these projects.

A brief summary of work to-date follows:

- The Notice to Proceed Was issued to Auburn Constructors on September 23rd, 2024
- The Contract needed to be amended to comply with new FEMA Flood Maps that would require be raised above the new base flood elevation of the area (Change Order #1). Work began to dewater and haul soils from future Phase 2 project areas, now borrow sites, utilized for fill at the new Phase 1 maintenance building. Change Order #1 increased the project costs by \$203,310.
- During the first few months of construction 32 days were lost to either rainfall or wet conditions.
- The pipelines for the drainage of the farm fields, recycled water force mains, electrical conduit, compacting, grading, and pouring of building and equipment slabs have been installed/completed up to date.

- The buildings and recycled water booster pump station skid are being connected and erected at this time.

Contingencies are to be used for addressing parts of the project that were unexpected due to changed conditions of unforeseen problems or constructability problems associated with construction of the project. Increases in Scope, and changes associated with equipment needs are addressed in Change Orders associated with these needs. The following change order reflects the deviation of existing conditions from those shown on the Contract documents bid by Auburn Constructors, LLC.

Change Order #2 – Recycled Water and Irrigation System Interconnection Changes

Existing conditions with respect to irrigation tie-in points deviated from the construction drawings, requiring an addition 450 l-ft of recycle water pipeline, the replacement of 50 l-ft of existing irrigation pipeline, and piping modifications to two existing irrigation wells. There was no change to the project footprint.

- **Change Order #2 is for \$154,452.10.**

Staff and our consultants have reviewed the Change Order and supporting information and believe it to be complete. As a result of the above, Staff recommends increasing the approved amount of the project to Auburn Constructors for an amount not to exceed \$154,452.10. This does not require a change in the Council Approved Project amount of \$7,648,630 which included a 10% allowance for construction change orders.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The SRF grant allows for reimbursement of all past planning and design costs, construction costs, and construction management costs up to \$7,066,450. These costs represent, in round numbers, \$113,158 for soft costs and \$6,953,300 for construction. This Change Order is not eligible for project funds but is within the limits of approved allowance for construction change orders

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the Change Orders for Auburn Constructors, LLC

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution

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