



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 15th, 2026
TO: City Council
FROM: David Swartz, PE, PLS, City Engineer

AGENDA ITEM:

Will S. Green Avenue Pump Station Project - City Project No. 2026-020
SRF Loan Project No. C-06-8613-110

Recommendation: Adopt the attached resolution:

1. Awarding the base bid for the Will S. Green Avenue Pump Station Project to Koch & Koch the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount not to exceed \$4,717,900.
2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction agreement and related documents necessary to carry out the award, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

After several years of iterations and applications with the State Water Resources Control Board State Revolving Fund (SRF), this June the City was awarded a 100% grant for an additional \$26.3 million. This is one of the largest water grant awards in the entire state. The City was able to demonstrate a strong track record of putting SRF dollars towards clean water improvements, a functioning water recycling program that protects groundwater resources, and use of grant funds that minimizes rate impacts to economically disadvantaged customers. The \$26.3 million grant will go towards this Will S Green Pump Avenue Station Project, new sewers in town, and reliability improvements at the City's wastewater treatment plant. Because the overall program includes distinct types of construction and contractor experience, the City divided the work into separate bid packages. This approach was intended to increase bidder participation, obtain competitive pricing, and help keep the work within the available project budget.

This contract includes a new sewer lift station which pumps the city's wastewater to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and a recycled water booster station on the same site to repressurize recycled water from the WWTP to be delivered for urban uses in the City. The sewer and recycled water force mains that connect to the sewer lift station are being delivered by the companion project (Sanitary Sewer and Recycled Water Project).

The City competitively bid both projects. The apparent low bids for both projects were within the City's planned budget.

The Project (Will S. Green Avenue Pump Station Project) was advertised and publically bid in August of 2026. Bids were opened at 3:00, August 27th, 2026, at City Hall. The project had 11 Bidders ranging from \$4,289,000 to \$5,927,500. The Low Bidder is Koch & Koch, Inc. from Grass Valley, California.

Bid Summary for Koch & Koch, Inc.

1. Mobilization (Not to exceed 5% of total cost)	\$ 153,000.00
2. Demobilization	\$ 17,000.00
3. Shoring	\$ 32,000.00
4. Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP)	\$ 28,000.00
5. Sitework	\$ 656,000.00
6. Dewatering	\$ 10,000.00
7. 4" Cobble on Fabric	\$ 62,000.00
8. Paving	\$ 188,000.00
9. Sewer Pump Station Construction	\$1,811,000.00
10. Recycled Water Booster Pump Station	\$ 340,000.00
11. Electrical and Controls	\$ 912,000.00
12. Miscellaneous	\$ 80,000.00
Construction Bid Subtotal	\$4,289,000.00
Construction Change Order Allowance 10%	\$ 428,900.00
Total Not to Exceed Contract Amount	\$4,717,900.00

The Engineer's cost estimate for the project was \$5,500,000. Staff and our consultants have reviewed the bid and supported information and believe it to be complete. Koch & Koch has positive references and a strong resume for completing similar wastewater pump station projects. As a result of the above, Staff recommend awarding the project to Koch & Koch for a not to exceed amount of \$4,717,900 which includes a 10% allowance for construction change orders. If awarded by Council, the Project would be completed in September of 2027.

BUDGET IMPACT:

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Project costs are eligible for reimbursement from available State Water Resources Control Board SRF funding, subject to the funding agreement and an available amount of up to \$26.3 million.

If Council decides to not award the construction contract now, the Contract Documents allow up to 60 days after receipt of bids that the bids remain valid (October 26th). After that 60-day period, the City would need to rebid the project with uncertain outcomes. The project includes

some early completion milestones that will make the project easier and less expensive to construct if the contractor can complete this fall prior to significant wet weather.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT:

Exhibit A. – Resolution No. 26-

Exhibit B. – Bid results