



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: David Swartz, City Engineer, and Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: ACCEPTANCE OF WATER SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS HAVING BEEN BUILT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS – “WATER CONSOLIDATION WALNUT RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROJECT” STATE PROJECT NUMBER C-06-8421-110.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 25-_____ - and authorize City Engineer to record a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder’s office and authorize the city Finance Director to release the retention pending no claims from suppliers or subcontractors. Contract with R&R Horn for an amount of \$2,846,400

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

The Walnut Ranch Subdivision Phase I and Phase II was constructed near the City of Colusa limits in the early 1970’s. The lots were served by on-site septic systems and have been for the past 50 years. The septic systems throughout the project have been in failure for the past 15+/- years.

With the help of former water board Staff, Namely Reese Crenshaw (RIP), it was recognized at the time of the water application that the Sewer System was failing, and the State reps assisted the City in amending its application to include brining in the sewer system into the Cities municipal treatment plant.

The City bid and awarded the project in May of 2024. The project was bid as a single project, however the water and sewer installations themselves had to be separated and tracked separately for construction and installation because they were funded from two different sources. The sewer project bids came in under the funding allocation by \$300,080. The construction budget estimate approved by the State for this project was 3,146,480.

Construction start was delayed with the Water project funding request so the projects could be built simultaneously.

The notice to proceed with construction was issued in September of 2024 along with the water project, and construction has been ongoing for the past year.

The city has worked closely with the State Water Board to secure funds for this project which are in the form of a **forgivable loan** to install the new sewer system that meets the city's standards and abandon the septic systems which were mostly in failure throughout the subdivision.

At the time of bidding the City received four bids based on competitive bidding and procurement procedures for this work, with the lowest responsive bidder was R&R Horn.

BUDGET IMPACT: City will collect sewer impact fees as a part of the grant to connect the residents per city ordinance. These fees were a part of the forgivable loan and thus did not cost the residents for their connections to the city. Also, all residents are now connected and part of the city sewer system and will be paying sewer rates.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution No. 25- and authorize the City Engineer to record a notice of completion for the subject contract with R&R Horn for the installation of a new sewer system for the Walnut Ranch Project.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution