



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 7 2023

TO: Mayor Ponciano and member of the City Council

FROM: Jesse Cain, City Manager, and Ryan Jones

AGENDA ITEM:

Public Hearing and Adoption of the Addendum to the City of Colusa Wastewater Upgrade / Water Recycled Project CEQA Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Recommendation: Council to adopt Resolution 23-____ adopting the Addendum to the Colusa Wastewater Upgrade / Water Recycle Project CEQA Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration. With the council's approval of the addendum, the City can finalize its grant application with the California State Revolving Fund (SRF) for the next series of improvements at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

Since 2016 the City has received two SRF grants and low-interest loans packages for upgrades to the City's WWTP totaling about \$16.8 million. About \$12 million of this amount was in grants and the other \$4.8 million was in low-interest loans with the State. The City qualified for these grants in part because of its disadvantaged community (DAC) status. The City applied for and received approval of a third SRF grant last year. This grant amount is for \$16 million. New state criteria for DACs allow this funding to be 100% grant with no loan match requirement.

This Project will be used to replace aging sewers and sewer pump stations, add reliability and redundancy to the WWTP processes, and complete the recycled water system improvements that were started in the first SRF grant in 2016.

These grant applications are significant efforts and take several months to finalize with the State. The environmental clearance documentation is the final piece of the application. Most of the improvements in the new grant were previously described in the CEQA Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan document certified by Council and approved by SRF Staff in March of 2015. However some additional recycled water pipelines were not shown in that original document. As a result, with concurrence by SRF staff, City prepared an Addendum to the 2015 ISMND

document.

This CEQA Addendum was noticed in the paper in early January and was circulated via the State Clearinghouse between January 4th and January 18th, 2023. The City received no comments on the Addendum.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None. The Project is 100% grant funded.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval Resolution 23- adopting the Addendum to the Colusa Wastewater Upgrade / Water Recycle Project CEQA Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution 23-

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