



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 19th, 2024

TO: City Council – Public Hearing Initiate Annexation of City Owned Property

FROM: David Swartz, City Engineer, Planning Dept. Support Via Jesse Cain City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: City Council to consider Resolution _____ to initiate proceedings for the annexation of approximately 509.78 acres of City-owned property adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached Resolution thereby initiating proceedings for the annexation of 509.78 acres of City-owned property located adjacent and easterly of the existing wastewater treatment plant more defined by the following APN's: 017-020-024, 025, 026, 027 & 017-030-079,080.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS: The City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (Plant) is located approximately 0.30 of a mile southwest of the City limits. It consists of a pond system, with ten ponds in total. This system supports a low-rate biological process that produces an effluent considered equivalent to secondary effluent from a conventional mechanical process. The Plant currently operates under Wastewater Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2002-0020, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA 007899, issued March 2002. The Plant discharges to the Powell Slough tributary.

In 2018 the City of Colusa purchased property directly south and east of the existing Plant. The property was purchased to facilitate future needs of treatment plant capacity and filtration of sewage waste, primarily to eliminate the need for the City to continue to discharge wastewater effluent to surface water and to remove the NPDES permit requirements. Since that time the City has conducted preparatory construction on much of this proposed annexation area by installing an elaborate underdrain system which is part of the new treatment plant strategy.

The Plant, itself is within City limits, but is not continuous to the main boundaries of the City. Therefore, for an annexation of additional properties to the boundaries of the Plant, the annexation must meet California Government Code section 56742, which states:

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 56741, upon approval of the commission a city may annex non-contiguous territory not exceeding 300 acres if the territory meets all of the following requirements:
- (1) It is located in the same county as that in which the city is situated.
 - (2) It is owned by the city.
 - (3) Territory that is used by a city for the reclamation, disposal, and storage of treated wastewater may be annexed to the city pursuant to this section **without limitation as to the size of the territory.**

The property to be annexed totals 509.78 acres +/- and is located within the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI) and within the same county. The property, as noted above, is owned by the City.

The City of Colusa city council passed a resolution on December 19th, 2023 to start the annexation process. In the original resolution and LAFCO application, we did not include the detachment from the Sacramento River Fire District. The updated application and resolution now includes the detachment from Sac, River FPD

BUDGET IMPACT

LAFCO fees are anticipated to be around \$4,700, and there will be some staff time dedicated to the project for reports, mapping, public hearings, etc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the proposed attached Resolution with an Annexation map