



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Uniform Public Contract Cost Accounting Act Adoption

**CEQA:** N/A - Not A Project

**Recommendation Motion:** That Council: 1) elect to become subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act and 2) adopt Resolution 2025-26, directing the City Clerk to notify the California State Controller of the City's election to become subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

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**Council Meeting Date:** 6/24/2025

**Date Prepared:** 6/18/2025

**Agenda:** Consent

**Background Information:** The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA or the "Act") was created by the California Legislature in 1983 as an alternative bidding process designed to reduce costs, expedite award of construction contracts and simplify administration of smaller projects. UPCCAA is contained in the Public Contract Code, Sections 22000 through 22045 and has been adopted by over 1,600 cities, counties, school districts and special districts throughout the state.

The Act is administered per Public Contract Code Section 22010, by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission consisting of 14 members: 13 members appointed by the State Controller and the License "A" member by the Contractors' State License Board. Seven members represent the public sector (counties, cities, school districts, and special districts). Six members represent the private sector (public works contractors and unions).

Pursuant to the current version of the Act, projects for the construction, reconstruction, renovation, alteration, improvement, demolition or repair work of public agency owned, leased or operated facilities may be procured as follows:

- Public projects of \$75,000 or less may be procured by negotiated contract or public agency employees by force account.
- Public projects of \$220,000 or less may be procured by informal bidding procedures.
- Public projects of greater than \$220,000 will be procured by formal bidding procedures set forth in the act.

By law, the governing body of the public agency must elect by resolution to become subject to the Act and a copy of the approved resolution must be filed with the State Controller's Office (Section 22030). Once a public agency has opted into the Act, it will remain a part of the program unless the agency withdraws from the Act by filing with the State Controller's Office a resolution of the agency's election to withdraw, adopted

during a public meeting of the agency's governing body. The Act supersedes only the bidding procedures used once a public agency has opted into the Act and has notified the Controller. All other contracting requirements of the Public Contract Code remain applicable. The Act is part of the Public Contract Code; therefore, if the Act is silent on a particular matter, then other relevant provisions of the Public Contract Code applies to that matter.

Currently, the provisions of the Act are already referenced in the Contracts and Centralized Purchasing section of the Grass Valley City Charter. However, there is no prior record of the City formally electing to become subject to the Act. As such, legal counsel has recommended that the City officially file notice with the State Controller's Office that we intend to become part of the program and begin following its provisions.

Staff recommends that Council adopt the attached Resolution 2025-26, electing to become subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act and directing the City Clerk to file a copy of the approved resolution with the California State Controller.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** Electing to become subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan Goal - High Performance Government & Quality Service

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no direct fiscal impact in electing to become subject to the Act. Future contract costs may be reduced due to expedited awards and simplified administration procedures for smaller projects.

**Funds Available:** N/A

**Account #:** N/A

**Reviewed by:** City Manager

**Attachments:** Resolution