



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Memorial Park Magenta Drain Restoration Project Update

CEQA: N/A - Procedural Motion

Recommendation: That Council 1) holds a public hearing on the Magenta Drain Restoration Project; 2) receives public input; and 3) provides comments to staff.

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Council Meeting Date: 10/14/2025

Date Prepared: 10/09/2025

Agenda: Public Hearing

Background Information: In 2023, the City was awarded \$319,847.94 in Proposition 1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant funds to restore a portion of the Magenta Drain running through Memorial Park. The Magenta Drain Restoration Project will restore a stretch of creek that runs through Memorial Park that has been fenced off and neglected for many years. At one time, the waterway was contaminated by runoffs from the Empire Mine site, but with recent remediation efforts by the State and the City of Grass Valley, the creek now runs clean again. In February 2025, the City contracted Dudek consulting firm to provide design and environmental services for the restoration project. Dudek has prepared a conceptual design that includes:

- Removal of perimeter fencing to improve public access.
- Removal of nonnative invasive vegetation.
- Replanting of native riparian vegetation.
- Realign the creek in various areas.
- Removal of the retaining wall and replacing it with vegetated rip rap.
- Adding streambed boulders and cobbles.
- Installing creek access points with concrete steps and boulder crossings.
- Adding crushed gravel trail adjacent to the creek.

Council Goals/Objectives: The Magenta Drain Restoration Project executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining the Strategic Plan Goal - Recreation and Parks.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Magenta Drain Restoration Conceptual Drawings