



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Emergency Cleaning of WWTP Anaerobic Digester at a Total Cost of \$448,400

CEQA: Exempt - Existing Facilities

Recommendation: Council to authorize the Utilities Director to approve the emergency cleaning of the WWTP anaerobic digester from Bristola, in accordance with Section 3.08.150 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code.

Prepared by: Trever Van Noort, Utilities Director

Council Meeting Date: 03/25/2025

Date Prepared: 03/18/2025

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: The City's wastewater treatment plant utilizes (1) anaerobic digester to treat waste activated sludge. The tank was last cleaned in 2010 and the next cleaning was planned for later in 2025. Recent problems due to excessive solids buildup have caused the digester to overflow. This requires expediting the planned solids removal and cleaning to prevent future overflow events.

It is in the City's best interest to complete cleaning and solids removal as soon as possible to protect public health and safety.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan - City Infrastructure Investment.

Fiscal Impact: The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget includes \$448,400 in allocated funds within the Wastewater Plant Division - Annual WWTP Projects, as this project was already part of the current year's capital project list. In accordance with Section 3.08.150 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code, Emergency Procurement, "the city manager shall make, or authorize others to make, emergency procurement of supplies, equipment, services, or construction items when there is a threat to public health, welfare, or safety; provided that such emergency procurement is made with sufficient competition as is practicable under the circumstances." Three quotes were solicited, with two received (see attached), and one no bid.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: 510-406-66890

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments:

- Bristola Quote
- Synagro Quote
- Project Specifications