



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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**DATE:** October 6, 2025

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Carlye Buchholz, City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Consider Approval of \$55,528 for the Repair of the Known Storm Drain Between 191 Elk Drive and 207 Elk Drive Utilizing on On-Call Contractor Njirich and Sons, with the Ability to Authorize Additional Funds to Replace Unidentified Damage, as Necessary.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider Approval of \$55,528 for Njirich and Sons Proposal to Repair the Failure of a 12" CMP Storm Drainpipe Located Between the Properties of 191 and 207 Elk Drive Within a Drainage Easement.

**BACKGROUND:**

The storm drain between 191 Elk Drive and 207 Elk Drive has failed causing significant erosion of the hillside between the properties. Residents of 207 Elk Drive have contacted the City requesting repairs. The 12" storm drainpipe was originally installed as part of the County's Elks Hill Subdivision improvements in the mid-1950s and the City annexed the Elks Hill / Saratoga Acres area in 1972.

The cause of the failure is unknown at this time. 360 Pipeline Inspections performed CCTV inspections earlier this year and a blockage has been identified within the pipe. As a result, a 40-foot segment of pipe is in need of replacement due to the blockage and a break in the storm drain line. Additional obstructions below the identified blockage are unknown.

**DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:**

Njirich and Sons has been selected utilizing the City's approved On-Call Contractor list. They are local to the City of Sonora. Initial contact has been made with the property owner of 191 Elk Drive during a previous site visit. Additional coordination with property owners will commence prior to work beginning. The segment identified for replacement will be removed and replaced along the existing alignment of the pipe. After the known blockage has been repaired, City of Sonora Public Works staff will be onsite to CCTV inspect the remaining line to verify the remainder of the pipe is clear from obstructions. Dewberry and R.E.Y. Engineers will perform construction inspection under their existing task order for this project.



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## FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of the drainage system repair is \$55,528. However, City staff is requesting authorization to expend up to a budgeted amount of \$125,000, should additional damage be identified downstream requiring further pipe replacement. The total budget available for this project in FY2025/26, including encumbered funds carried forward from FY2024/25, is \$173,000. Therefore, the project is expected to be completed within the approved budget authority.

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Would you like me to also prepare a **more concise one-sentence version** (for council agendas that prefer brevity) or a **more detailed breakdown version** (which would spell out encumbered vs. new-year funding)?

## ATTACHMENTS:

- Njirich and Sons Proposal

## CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Infrastructure and Engineering, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness.