



STAFF REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: AUGUST 3, 2026
FROM: DAN LAFONTAINE, PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: CITY 2026/2027 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT LIST

RECOMMENDATION: Council accept this information report and discuss / ask questions

BACKGROUND:

This staff report provides information on the Public works projects currently budgeted for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. Staff have prepared a project list with relevant information and identifies any deficiencies in Budget tracking, project timeline and/or technical issues with the projects through a green, yellow and or red status. Currently there are 32 projects on the list with one already completed, 22 green, 7 yellow, and 2 red. As of this meeting, we are tracking approximately 70% of projects on time and budget ensuring that projects are completed on time and budget.

This project list does not include wastewater capital projects as those projects are essentially paused to build funds for the new WWTP. The only reasons for capital projects at the WWTP are if the project is vital to the proper operation of the WWTP, to further the design of the new WWTP, or to work on value engineering components for the new WWTP. As of this report only 3 projects have been identified::

- Rotostrainers number #2 and #4 must be repaired prior to winter (needed to handle I/I)
- Level sensor in chlorine tank (needed to switch vendors)
- New piping for Ferric Chlorine line (requested by chemical supplier)

DISCUSSION:

The majority of public works projects are completed in the fall and spring time when weather is favorable and rain is limited or non-existent. This means that all prep work (scoping, engineering (if required), permitting, contractor bidding, and scheduling) needs to be done prior to those seasons. Typically the PW director and lead foreman complete the majority of that work in the previous season (up to the day before construction). By the time a job reaches construction 25% to 50% (for small jobs) has been completed. Contractors can/are used by PW to accelerate projects but when contractors are used more oversight is needed to maintain a level acceptable by City standards.

A Gantt chart has been included to give an overall view of the project load for the public works in the 2026/2027 fiscal year. As you can see the majority of projects are scheduled for construction in September and October and then again in May. This was made by design to minimize weather delays. Significant early (October 2026) or late (May 2027) rain will disrupt the PW schedule.

A highlighted list of budgeted PW projects are included below to give a breath of the depth of projects PW scheduled to be completed during this fiscal year. When applicable, staff and or consultants have been identified for each category to act as the “project manager” to assist the PW director with getting the project across the finish line.

Wastewater - maintain water board compliance and maximize environmental protections

Collection - I/I piping in creek replacement, needed to reduce influent design to the new WWTP thus saving the City substantial money (PW Director, Sanitary engineer, consultant)

Treatment (WWTP) - Rotostrainers, tank level and piping (CPO all in house)

Disposal (ARSA) - Freshwater Diversion repair, which is legally obligated per CDCR agreement (PW foreman and contractor); Preston Forebay outlet valve repair/replacement (PW foreman, engineering and contractor)

Streets goal - stretch every dollar to get more roads repaved and improve ADA accessibility

Sutter Hill Road resurfacing- Major artery to the City in very bad shape low PCI (engineering, contractor)

David drive, Marre, Randolph and Boston Alley intersection - Cut and replace asphalt, partial labor inhouse, budgeted amount requires asphalt to be “extra” from another larger job to save on mob (PW Labor, contractor)

Moving ADA ramps and crosswalk on Gopher flat - Move crosswalk out so cars can see around blind corner prior to being in the intersection. As a result the ADA ramps will need to be moved (PW foreman and contractor and PW labor).

B&B sidewalk - Remove tripping hazards in front of B&B while preserving the historic limestone walkway.

Parks - Transform Bryson Park into a place that inspires active play for youth and expand inclusive play

Pump track - Repurpose of grass area to increase youth outdoor play (PW Director and volunteers)

Bryson play improvements - add chips to playground (PW labor)

Minnie Provis Playground Resurfacing - Replace parts of the structure and install rubberized surface (PW director, engineering, PW labor, Contractor)

Facilities - To improve the usefulness of all facilities while preserving our historic charm

Auditorium - Install new swamp coolers and perform maintenance on the outside i.e. paint and siding (PW foreman and contractor)

Monteverde Store - Repair building including roof, gutter, and wall (PW director, PW foreman, volunteers, contractor?)

City Offices - New roof for City Manager office building (PW foreman and contractor)

PROJECT STATUS: Public works has developed a “traffic light system” to judge the health of each project. The descriptions of each status are listed below:

Green status: equates to the project being on budget (at or below budget estimate), on time (within 2 weeks), and defined (no technical questions that would stop the project).

Yellow status: equates to the project showing minimal budget risk (within 15% of budget estimates), experiencing a slight delay (2 to 6 weeks behind schedule) and some technical questions that need to be worked on. Staff are currently working on the issues and no budget impacts are anticipated.

Red status: equates the project to a significant anticipated budget overrun, major delay in timing (contractor or permitting), and or major technical questions that need to be addressed.

Greens Status Projects: 32 projects are proceeding as planned. These projects Even when projects go as planned, some upcoming issues that are expected and will affect Sutter Creek residents are highlighted below:

Sutter Hill Rd construction: Road will be closed to public from Aug 3, 2026 to beginning of September

Minnie Provis Playground resurfacing: The first phase of the project (replacing pieces on the playground structure) will require the playground structure to be closed for a week or two. Public works anticipates this will occur after the start of the 2026/2027 school year to minimize disruption.

Yellow Status Projects: Seven projects are labeled as yellow and are in question: Details of each project are listed below:

Monteverde Gutter and wall/floor repair (2 projects)- This project continues to face both technical scoping questions and budget uncertainty. We received a quote to install a valley gutter 6 months ago but the contractor has continued to push the timeline. All other quotes were significantly over budget.

B&B sidewalk (1 project)- The existing sidewalk is limestone that has had patches of asphalt installed to remove tripping hazards. The plan to install overlay asphalt does not preserve the historical limestone walkway. Public works continues to seek experts to propose alternative construction methods to preserve the limestone and remove the ADA issues.

Gopher Street/Main Street crossing and Old 49 Pedestrian shoulder (2 projects)- This was a budgetary estimate and needs to be verified. The project is scheduled for Spring so time is available to tighten the estimate and timeline.

Vehicle replacement (1 project)- The budget of \$20,000 for a utility truck will provide for a used (most likely 10-15 yrs old) that has mileage in the 100 to 150K range. Public works continues to search auctions and private party sales to “hit a home run”.

Preston Forebay Valve (1 project)- The current valve at the Preston forebay has become non-operational. The budget is an estimated value and will need to be determined after engineering. The pier has been deemed unsafe and a solution provided by engineering. Technical questions are present that have not been addressed with regards to access and timing of the repair.

As most of the projects in yellow are scheduled in the second half of the 2026/2027 FY, staff will continue to work to flush out further details.

Red Status Projects: Two projects are labeled as red and will most likely need to be moved to the 2027/2028 fiscal year.

I/I projects and creek cleanup (2 projects)- Environmental permitting for replacing collection system pipes in the creek are estimated at 160K. Based on the consultants recommendation along with the LSA permit from Fish and Game, an army core of engineering (404) and a CVRWQCB Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification will be required. The 404 permit allows the City to introduce fill into the river below the high water mark and the 401 permit ensures that water quality is not being degraded by the project. Both permits work together with the LSA to allow replacement of sewer pipes in the creek. The timeline for obtaining the permits is typically 12 to 18 months.

One alternative option available to the City is to have the council declare that the pipes in the creek constitute an emergency by falling into one of three scenarios (unacceptable hazard to life, significant loss of property or immediate unforeseen significant economic hardship). If this is declared, permit wait times can be reduced or eliminated and costs may be reduced. If the council wishes to explore this option, work would be needed to discuss this pathway with outside agencies and develop a plan of action and estimated costs.

Staff recommend that a semi-annual progress update be presented to council in January to provide the council with a status of completed projects in Fall and an estimate of Spring workload.

Attachments: Public Works Active Capital Project List

Gantt Chart - PW Capital Project Work Flow