



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: July 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Approving Contract Documents for Construction and Authorizing a Call for Bids for Construction of the Wheatland Regional Sewer Pipeline Project

PREPARED BY: Bill Zenoni, City Manager
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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Wheatland City Council consider adoption of a resolution approving the contract documents for construction consisting of: the notice to bidders, bidders book, sample contract, plans and specifications for the Wheatland Regional Sewer Pipeline Project and authorizing staff to call for bids for construction of the project

DISCUSSION:

The Wheatland Regional Sewer Pipeline Project ("Project") is a portion of the larger South Yuba County Wastewater Infrastructure Project (a coordinated effort between Yuba Water Agency (YWA), Olivehurst Public Utilities District (OPUD), Yuba County and the City of Wheatland). The Wheatland Regional Sewer Project consists of the first 7.72-miles of a conveyance pipeline and pump stations that are capable of transporting 1.5-million gallons of sewage daily from the Malone Avenue Pump Station in Wheatland to the southerly limits of the OPUD service area on Rancho Road in south Yuba County. OPUD will construct a pipeline from the terminus of this Project to the OPUD wastewater treatment plant.

The following is a partial list of City Council actions taken to advance the design and environmental work for the Project:

- November 10, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 43-20 amending the FY 2020-21 Budget and authorizing the City Manager to proceed with environmental review and engineering design for the Project.
- April 27, 2021, the Basis of Design Report for the Project was presented to the Wheatland City Council and adopted by Resolution No.16-21.
- October 11, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 34-22, which, among other actions, authorized acceptance of an additional \$2 million loan from the Yuba Water Agency for work associated with environmental, engineering design, right-of-way acquisition and grant funding work for the Project.

- The City conducted an environmental review and prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project (SCH No. 2021110022). Based on the EIR, a Notice of Determination was made by the City Council on February 28, 2023, and was filed by the County Recorder on March 2, 2023.
- On November 25, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 58-25 approving contract documents and authorizing a call for bids for construction of the Wheatland Regional Sewer Pipeline Project.
- On February 19, 2026, the bid period closed with the City receiving 13 bids for the Project. Per the bid documents, the bids were valid for 90-days after the bid opening (thru May 20, 2026).
- On February 13, 2026, the Yuba Water Agency experienced a catastrophic failure of the penstock at the New Colgate Powerhouse. Shortly thereafter, Yuba Water Agency withdrew its intended future financial support for the Project. In response to that action, the City Council, on May 12, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 26-19 authorizing an extension to the 90-day bid expiration date by 35 calendar days, from May 20, 2026, to June 24, 2026, to provide additional time for staff to identify replacement funding for the Project.
- While potential additional funding sources have been identified, including loans from Yuba County and the Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria, it has been determined that the project scope must be altered to enable the City to fully fund the Project.
- Due to the sudden loss of funding, on June 23, 2026, the City Council adopted a resolution rejecting all bids for the February 19 bids and authorized staff to initiate revisions to alter the project scope and return to Council to rebid the Project.

The next step in the construction process is to competitively bid the Project by publicly inviting contractors to obtain and examine the Contract Documents, and submit their bids for the work. A typical bid period is 4 weeks which can be extended by the City Engineer if needed to encourage maximum bidder participation and the best possible pricing. The following is the current best possible schedule for construction of the Project:

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| • City Council Authorization to Bid | 7/14/2026 |
| • Begin 4-Week Bid Period/Post On-Line | 7/16/2026 |
| • Pre-Bid Conference & Self-Guided Site Visits | 7/30/2026 |
| • Bid Opening (4-Week Bid Period) | 8/18/2026* |
| • Award of Contract | 9/8/2026* |
| • Notice to Proceed | 9/21/2026* |
| • Substantial Completion | Spring 2029* |

*indicates earliest possible completion date.

Due to the scope of the Project the Contract Documents are voluminous. Accordingly, the Contract Documents are broken into five volumes for convenience and ease of use (see Attachments 2 through 6) and due to the very large files sizes of the volumes the cover page and table of contents for each volume is physically attached to this report. Complete Contract Documents are available to view and download at <https://www.wheatland.ca.gov/city-engineer>

FISCAL IMPACT:

No immediate fiscal impact is expected by this action at this time. When bids are opened, the City Council will consider the opportunity of awarding a construction contract for the Project. Funding sources include State Water Resources Control Board grant funds, potential U.S.D.A loan and grant funding,

other outside loan funding and City of Wheatland sewer impact fees. No General Fund resources will be utilized for this Project

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – Contract Documents Volume 1*

Attachment 3 – Contract Documents Volume 2*

Attachment 4 – Contract Documents Volume 3*

Attachment 5 – Contract Documents Volume 4*

Attachment 6 – Contract Documents Volume 5*

*due to very large file size, only a portion of this document is attached. The full document can be viewed at <https://www.wheatland.ca.gov/city-engineer>