



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Extension of Expiration Dates of Bids for Regional Sewer Pipeline Project

PREPARED BY: Dane H. Schilling, City Engineer

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Wheatland City Council consider adoption of a resolution directing the City Manager and City Engineer to extend the expiration date of the bids received for the Wheatland Regional Sewer Pipeline Project [CWSRF Project No. C-06-8753-110] by 35 calendar days.

DISCUSSION:

The Wheatland Regional Sewer Pipeline Project (“Project”) is the first project 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 three 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. A subsequent OPUD project will continue the pipeline all the way to the OPUD wastewater treatment plant.

The design and environmental review for the Project was completed in November 2025 and on November 25, 2025, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the contract documents (plans and specifications) and authorizing staff to call for bids for the Project.

On February 13, 2026, the YWA experienced a catastrophic failure of the penstock at the New Colgate Powerhouse. Weeks later YWA withdrew its \$80M financial support for the construction phase of this Project and the OPUD project. City of Wheatland staff have been diligently working with others to backfill the funding gap and expect to have funding restored and present that to the City Council in June 2026.

On February 19, 2026, the bid period closed and the City received 13 bids for the Project. RCI General Engineering was the apparent low bidder for Bid Schedule A – Pipelines, and Gateway Pacific Contractors, Inc. was the apparent low bidder for Bid Schedule B – Pump Stations. The bids received for the Project were \$22M (29%) below the Engineers Estimate.

The City Engineer subsequently completed a detailed review of the low bids received, and on March 12, 2026, the City Engineer issued a Notice of Intent to Award (**Exhibit ‘A’**) contracts to RCI General Engineering and to Gateway Pacific Contractors, Inc.

Per the bid documents, the bids are valid for 90-days after the bid opening which means the bids expire on May 20, 2026. If the bid expiration date is not extended before the expiration of bids on May 20, 2026, then the bids received will expire and the City will have to re-bid the Project in order to move forward with construction. Given the favorable bids received in February, it is very likely that new bids for the Project will come in substantially higher.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact by this action. However, extending the bid expiration date will require the agreement of the low bidders and the low bidders who may be entitled to recoup any direct costs that can be demonstrated are a result of extending the bid expiration date by the specified time, in this case 35 days.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution w/Exhibit