



City Council Meeting Staff Report

Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

Subject: Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Execution of Grant Documents for Submittal of a Grant Application to the Economic Development Administration for the Regional Wastewater Transmission Project

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Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Wheatland City Council consider adoption of a resolution authorizing execution of grant documents for submittal of a grant application to the Economic Development Administration for the Regional Wastewater Transmission Project.

Discussion: For the past several years, City staff and the Council Regional Sewer Ad-Hoc Committee have been working closely with staff and elected officials from Yuba Water Agency, Olivehurst Public Utility District (OPUD) and Yuba County to develop a regional solution to wastewater treatment needs in South Yuba County. The City of Wheatland's wastewater treatment plant is aging, has limited treatment capacity to accommodate infill growth and does not meet current environmental standards for disposal of municipal wastewater. A portion of the City's wastewater treatment plant is located on the river side of the Bear River Levee, which leaves the plant at risk for potential flooding.

The cost of the total project is estimated to be approximately \$211.7 million, divided into three phases. The first phase of the project will provide a wastewater conveyance system, including transmission pipelines and new pump stations between the City of Wheatland and the OPUD wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost of this first phase of the project is \$129.1 million. The potential funding sources for this phase of the project include a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (\$30 million), development impact fees collected by the City of Wheatland (\$3.5 million), developer contributions, a loan from the Yuba Water Agency and a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

In order to submit a grant application, the EDA requires a resolution adopted by the City Council authorizing the grant submittal. Although the exact amount of available EDA grant funding is unknown at this time, it is anticipated that funding in the amount of \$3 million to \$5 million may be available.

Fiscal Impact: Receipt of grant funding will reduce the overall cost of this project.

Attachment:

1. Resolution