



City Council Meeting Staff Report

Meeting Date: November 10, 2025

Subject: Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the Olivehurst Public Utility District's Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as the California Environmental Quality Act Responsible Agency for the Regional Wastewater Project.

Prepared By: Bill Zenoni, City Manager

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Wheatland City Council consider adoption of a resolution adopting the Olivehurst Public Utility District's South Yuba County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as adequate under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the distribution of funds from the State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Discussion: On January 24, 2023, the Wheatland City Council adopted Resolution No. 04-23 authorizing submission of a grant application to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program for costs associated with the Regional Sewer Project. The Olivehurst Public Utility District (OPUD) Board of Directors adopted a similar resolution.

On February 28, 2023, the Wheatland City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report for the Wheatland Regional Sewer Project, which includes the construction of the necessary pipelines and pump stations to successfully convey all current and future wastewater from the City of Wheatland into OPUD's regional sewer system serving south Yuba County.

In March 2023, OPUD then prepared the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the South Yuba County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project. The South Yuba County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project includes upgrades to the existing OPUD Wastewater Treatment Plant, wastewater collection system, and pipelines to provide capacity for wastewater from the City of Wheatland. OPUD adopted the IS/MND and MMRP on April 20, 2023.

In October 2024, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff recommended that the Wheatland and OPUD grant applications be combined into a single application for the project, with the City of Wheatland acting as the lead agency for this grant. Because funds from the SWRCB Clean Water State Revolving Fund will be granted to the City of Wheatland to manage and distribute for OPUD's portion of the South Yuba County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project, the City of Wheatland has been determined to be a Responsible Agency and is required to adopt the OPUD IS/MND and MMRP.

Rod Stinson, Vice President of Raney Planning and Management, has been communicating with the State Water Resources Control Board staff. Mr. Stinson will be in attendance at the November 10th City Council meeting to explain the required action.

Fiscal Impact: Adoption of the attached resolution is a requirement for the SWRCB's approval of the \$75 million grant application for the South Yuba County Regional Wastewater Project.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Olivehurst Public Utility District Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
3. Olivehurst Public Utility District Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program