



City Council Meeting Staff Report

Meeting Date: November 25, 2025

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

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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.

Background: 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 consist 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 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.

May 21, 2024, the Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors met to receive an update on the South County Infrastructure Project. At that meeting, the Yuba Water Agency Board re-affirmed their commitment to funding the construction of the project and approved an additional \$5 million for the three agencies (Wheatland, OPUD and Yuba Water Agency) to complete final engineering designs, obtain permits, obtain rights-of-way, provide additional project management and financial services to get the project ready for bidding.

October 21, 2024, the City's Regional Sewer AdHoc Committee met to discuss the status of the Project and the final steps toward constructing the Project. The Committee recommended that the

additional funding needed from Yuba Water Agency be secured and the City Manager take any necessary actions including amending professional services contracts to bring the Project to construction.

June 10, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-25, authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with PG&E, AT&T and Union Pacific Railroad to clear the way for construction of the Project. On that date, the City Council also adopted Resolution No. 31-25 authorizing acceptance of a grant from Yuba Water Agency for up to \$3.5 million to fund final environmental, engineering design, permitting and right-of-way acquisition/utility relocation costs for the Project.

On October 28, 2025, the City Manager provided an update to the City Council for the Project at its regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Discussion: The next step in the construction process involves competitively bidding 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, however, due to the size and complexity of the Project and the upcoming holidays, staff is recommending an 8-week bid period as shown below. The bid period can be extended by the City Engineer if needed to encourage maximum bidder participation and the best possible pricing. The following is the current schedule for construction of the Project:

- City Council Authorization to Bid Tue 11/25/25
- Begin 8-Week Bid Period/Post On-Line Wed 11/26/25
- Pre-Bid Conference & Self-Guided Site Visits Thu 12/18/25 - Fri 12/19/25
- Bid Opening (8-Week Bid Period) Tue 1/27/26
- Award of Contract Tue 2/10/26*
- Notice to Proceed Mon 2/23/26*
- Construction 470 days Tue 2/24/26*
- Substantial Completion Fri 12/31/27*
- Contract Start-up and Testing 41 days Mon 1/3/28 - Mon 2/28/28
- Phase 1 Conveyance System Testing Wed 3/1/28 - Wed 5/31/28

*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 file 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.

The current estimated total cost of the South Yuba County Wastewater Infrastructure Project is \$155 million. The estimated cost of this Project is \$85 million and will be funded through a combination of funding sources including State Water Resources Control Board grant funds, \$3 million from City of Wheatland sewer impact fees and a loan from Yuba Water Agency. No General Fund resources will be used for the 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>