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Subject: Proposed Changes to the City of Santa Rosa Sewer and Water Design and Construction Standards

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As you are well aware, the Northern California Engineering Contractors Association has a long standing relationship in reviewing and vetting with the City of Santa Rosa proposed and needed changes to the City of Santa Rosa Design and Construction Standards. We have the resources and the desire to review and offer suggestions on construction feasibility, cost implications, and reasonableness of proposed existing standards as well as staff generated proposed modifications to the Standards. Our effort is collaborative and our ECA Spec Committee takes the lead in requesting resources from the private sector to review and comment on the proposed Standards as they come up for review every few years.

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This year is no different. We have reviewed, commented, and discussed the proposed Standards and we support the proposal as presented to the BPU recently on Sewer and Water Design Construction Standards. We hope the process continues to move the staff proposal along smoothly and the Council approves the proposed Standards as the BPU has done.

Since many of the changes to the standards are clarifications, or simple amendments to accommodate construction practices, in order to streamline the process, it may be helpful if the BPU and City Council delegated authority to EDS to work with our local industry to update standards in the future, without the need to obtain BPU or Council approval. This may allow more frequent changes to the standards, including real-time updates on the City's website, making them available to the public sooner.

Either way, we will continue to work with you and your staff as Standards come up for review and we will continue to advocate for the City, as well as the public interest, in providing the resources to give thoughtful review to improving the City Standards well into the future.

Yours Truly,

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