

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND  
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND  
APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR THE LLANO ROAD TRUNK  
REHABILITATION PROJECT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water and the Transportation and Public Works Department the Board of Public Utilities, by resolution: 1) adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Llano Road Trunk Rehabilitation Project; 2) adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; 3) approve the Llano Road Trunk Rehabilitation Project; 4) direct staff to file a Notice of Determination.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proposed resolution will adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and approve the Llano Road Trunk Rehabilitation Project (Project). It will also direct City staff to file a Notice of Determination for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

BACKGROUND

The City of Santa Rosa (City) contracted with Woodard & Curran (W&C) in November 2019 to complete a Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan Update (Master Plan). As part of the Master Plan, W&C inspected and assessed approximately 13 miles of large-diameter trunk sewers and 28 siphons in the City's sewer system. These assessments and associated recommendations were submitted in the Final Inspection and Condition Assessment Report (Report) dated June 2021, as part of the Master Plan update. The trunk sewers were inspected via closed-circuit television (CCTV) and sonar. Each pipe section was assessed for structural defects, existing debris accumulation, instances of root intrusion, and observed infiltration. Pipe assessment designation ranged in condition from structurally satisfactory to structurally compromised. Trunk sewer manholes were also evaluated regarding the level of damage, deterioration and overall degradation. The Report established the remaining useful life of each pipe and programmatic planning of future rehabilitation projects. Lastly, the

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Report identified the Llano Road Trunk Rehabilitation Project (Project) as a high-priority project.

The Project will rehabilitate approximately 8,100 feet of 66-inch trunk sewer and twelve (12) trunk manholes adjacent to Llano Road. Rehabilitation of the trunk will be by means of trenchless cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining technology. An above-ground sewage bypass pumping system will be required to convey approximately 20 million gallons per day and will operate uninterrupted 24 hours per day until all rehabilitation efforts are complete. The system will include 100% backup pumping capacity and approximately 9,000 feet in length of three (3) parallel 18-inch bypass lines installed adjacent to Llano Road. The alignment of the bypass will involve various county road and bridge crossings.

An Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was completed by WRA Environmental Consultants of San Rafael, California for the Project to satisfy California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. The IS/MND describes the project's purpose and potential environmental impacts. The document identified that with the inclusion of specific environmental protection actions and mitigation measures as detailed in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), potential impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and transportation could be reduced to a level considered to be *'less than significant.'*

In accordance with Assembly Bill 52 and CEQA guidelines, project notification letters were sent to tribes in the area, including the Lytton Rancheria of California and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. Lytton Rancheria acknowledged receipt of the consultation request and confirmed that no further consultation was required. The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria requested consultation on alternatives to the project and provided comments on mitigation measures described in the IS/MND.

The IS/MND was issued for public notice and review for 32 days, beginning on February 13, 2025, and ending on March 17, 2025. A Notice of Intent to adopt the MND was published in the Press Democrat on February 13, 2025, in accordance with CEQA requirements. The IS/MND documents were sent to the State Clearinghouse for a 30-day public review period and for distribution to pertinent state agencies. The IS/MND was also sent to local resource agencies and posted on the City's Transportation & Public Works Department website. Noticing exceeded CEQA requirements. No comments were received during the public review period.

## PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

On November 21, 2020, the Board of Public Utilities (Board), by motion, approved Project Work Order No. A010215-2017-05 with Woodard and Curran, to provide professional engineering services for temporary sewer flow monitoring, sewer inspection, condition assessment, Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan update, and ongoing sewer system modeling efforts, in the amount not to exceed \$2,133,308.00.

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On August 18, 2022, the Board, by motion, authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Design-Build procurement method for the Llano Trunk Rehabilitation Phase 1.

On February 15, 2024, the Board, by motion approved a progressive design-build contract, C02403, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,302,657.45 with SAK Construction, LLC of Rocklin, California, plus an additional 10% contingency amount of \$130,265.75 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,432,923.20.

ANALYSIS

This proposed action will adopt the MND and the MMRP and approve the Llano Road Trunk Rehabilitation Project.

The IS/MND identified that with the inclusion of specific environmental protection actions, mitigation measures, and monitoring actions as part of the project, potential impacts to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Transportation, and Tribal Cultural Resources could be reduced to '*less than significant.*' Mitigation measures in the MMRP include installing Wildlife Exclusionary Fencing, purchasing mitigation credits for California tiger salamander, and retaining a qualified professional archaeologist and Native American monitor to monitor ground-disturbing activities.

Upon adoption of the MND and MMRP, and approval of the project by the Board, a Notice of Determination (NOD) will be filed with the Sonoma County Clerk's Office and the State Clearinghouse, completing the project's environmental review process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this item has no additional impact on the budget. Funds for this contract were previously appropriated in the Capital Improvement Program Budget. The majority of funds for the construction phase have been previously appropriated. The remaining future amount is programmed in the Year 1 Capital Improvement Program Budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Pursuant to CEQA, an IS/MND was prepared for the project and circulated for more than the 30-day minimum, starting on February 13, 2025. A Notice of Intent to adopt an MND was published in the Press Democrat and posted in accordance with the CEQA requirements on February 13, 2025, State Clearing House Number 2025020412. No Comments were received during the public review period. The IS/MND remains sufficient to evaluate the project's environmental effects adequately, and none of the conditions outlined within Section 15073.5 of the CEQA Guidelines requiring recirculation were met.

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BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Attachment 2 - Final MMRP
- Resolution

PRESENTER

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