

**DATE:** February 20, 2014  
**TO:** BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
**FROM:** MIKE SHERMAN, GEYSERS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR  
**SUBJECT:** COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR ONE-TIME DITCH CLEANING ON PINE FLAT ROAD  
**ACTION:** MOTION

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**ISSUE:**

Shall the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve a cost sharing agreement with the County of Sonoma in the amount of \$9,166.47 for one-time ditch cleaning along Pine Flat Road?

**BACKGROUND:**

The 41 mile long Geysers Pipeline, which extends from the Llano Treatment Plant to the Terminal Reservoir on Pine Flat Road northeast of Healdsburg, has been in operation for over 10 years. Pine Flat Road provides critical vehicular access to three of the four Geysers Pump Stations. Five miles of the 12 mile long road contains the pipeline itself.

Per City Mitigation Measure 2.2.30 in the Geysers Recharge Project Environmental Compliance Monitoring Plan approved by City in connection with the Santa Rosa Subregional Long-Term Wastewater Project Environmental Impact Report, road conditions, including those of Pine Flat Road, are monitored twice a month by City staff. Based on observations made in the summer and fall of 2013, various areas along Pine Flat Road were deemed in need of cleaning to facilitate adequate drainage, thereby promoting stability of sections of the road that contain the pipeline.

**ANALYSIS:**

Due to the County's maintenance prioritization County-wide, County forces were not available to conduct the ditch cleaning in the fall of 2013. In light of this fact, the City desired to perform the ditch cleaning work as a contingency item during the Bear Canyon Retaining Wall construction project on Pine Flat Road, which was in progress during the fall of 2013.

Based on discussions prior to the work, the County allowed the City's contractor to perform the ditch cleaning work under the encroachment permit issued to the City by the County for the retaining wall work. At the time of the encroachment permit modification, the County informally agreed to share half of the cost of the ditch cleaning work.

Upon receipt of an invoice from City, the County has agreed to pay the City (50%) of the total cost of ditch cleaning work completed as outlined in invoices summarized in Attachment A. The County's portion shall in no event exceed total sum of Nine Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Six dollars and 47 cents (\$9,166.47).

County Counsel and the City Attorney's Office have reviewed the cost sharing agreement as attached.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Utilities Department Staff recommend that the Board of Public Utilities, by motion, approve a cost sharing agreement with the County of Sonoma in the amount of \$9,166.47 for one-time ditch cleaning along Pine Flat Road.

Attachments:

Agreement Between the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma for Ditch Cleaning Cost Sharing on Pine Flat Road

Attachment A