



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 3/3/2026

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**To:** The Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency  
**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma County Water Agency  
**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Grant Davis 547-1911, David Royall 521-1892  
**Vote Requirement:** 4/5th  
**Supervisorial District(s):** First

**Title:**

Receive Report and Make Findings to Continue Emergency Work to Stabilize Dangerous Conditions Resulting from a Pipeline Break within the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Reclamation System. □

**Recommended Actions:**

Receive Report and Make Findings to Continue Emergency Work to Stabilize Dangerous Conditions Resulting from a Pipeline Break within the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Reclamation System (First District) (4/5<sup>th</sup> Vote Required)

**Executive Summary:**

This item requests that the Board of Directors for the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water), receive a report on emergency actions taken to stabilize hazardous conditions resulting from a pipeline break within the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Reclamation System and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements.

**Discussion:**

On December 31, 2025, staff at the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Treatment Plant identified a leak in the District's reclamation pipeline. Staff located and isolated the broken section and stopped discharges from the pipeline. Staff estimate that the broken reclamation pipe had released about 700,000 gallons of treated reclaimed water into Schell Slough in Sonoma Valley.

As described in the Board's January 6, 2026, emergency declaration, the pipeline break occurred in an area subject to tidal influence and adjacent to a levee, creating challenging site conditions and increasing the risk of erosion and instability. Sonoma Water staff are continuing site visits and assessments. Soil conditions remain saturated, which is delaying equipment mobilization. Nevertheless, district personnel, in collaboration with the contractor, have performed a pre-construction site assessment and are in the process of developing a solution. In the interim, the District continues to advance coordination efforts and actively evaluating the most effective site access options to ensure stability. Sonoma Water remains committed to maintaining progress and ensuring all elements are thoroughly planned for a successful project.

**Prior Board Actions:**

2/10/2026: Report and Make Findings to Continue Emergency Work to Stabilize Dangerous Conditions

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- Resulting from a Pipeline Break within the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Reclamation System.
- 1/27/2026: Report and Make Findings to Continue Emergency Work to Stabilize Dangerous Conditions Resulting from a Pipeline Break within the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Reclamation System.
- 1/06/2026: Resolution Making Findings of an Emergency Need to Perform Work to Stabilize hazardous conditions resulting from a pipeline break in the reclamation distribution system

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 25-26 Adopted</b>	<b>FY 26-27 Projected</b>	<b>FY 27-28 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

N/A

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (number)</b>	<b>Deletions (number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

None.

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

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