



## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 5/6/2025

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**To:** Board of Directors, Sonoma County Water Agency

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma County Water Agency

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Sharina Arevalos 707-322-4854

**Vote Requirement:** 4/5th

**Supervisory District(s):** Second

**Title:**

Consider Grant of Easement to City of Petaluma for Installing a Sewer Force Main Across Sonoma Water Flood Control Parcel

**Recommended Action:**

Consider a proposed grant of easement to City of Petaluma for its sewer force main and in accordance with Section 9 of Sonoma County Water Agency's enabling legislation, direct staff to return to the Board at the next scheduled Board meeting with a proposed resolution to execute the easement, determine that the grant of the easement will not adversely affect Sonoma County Water Agency and provide environmental findings. (Second District) (4/5 Vote Required)

**Executive Summary:**

This item involves granting an easement to the City of Petaluma (City) by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) to allow the City to construct, operate, and maintain a new 36-inch diameter sewer force main for the Primary Influent Pump Station (PIPS) Parallel Force Main (Project). Sonoma Water owns certain real property located at McDowell Creek in Petaluma (APN 005-060-093) where the Project is located.

**Discussion:**

The City has requested that Sonoma Water execute an agreement for an easement on Sonoma Water property. The easement will allow City to meet permitting requirements necessary to build the PIPS force main, a 36-inch diameter pipe spanning 2.5 miles. The Project will convey wastewater from PIPS to the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility. This force main is a critical pipeline nearing the end of its service life. The Project will construct a parallel force main adjacent to the existing one, providing redundancy and resiliency for City's wastewater collection system.

The proposed easement is located within McDowell Creek, south of Highway 116. Sonoma Water currently uses the property for flood control maintenance purposes.

As required by Section 9, Sonoma Water proposes to return to the Board with a resolution, demonstrating that the grant will not adversely impact Sonoma Water and making environmental findings required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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**County of Sonoma Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Sonoma Water Strategic Plan Alignment**

N/A

**Racial Equity:**

**Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?**

No

**Prior Board Actions:**

None.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY24-25 Adopted</b>	<b>FY25-26 Projected</b>	<b>FY26-27 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			
General Fund Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

No appropriations required.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</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:**

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Easement Agreement

**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**

None.