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**Title:** Completion of Emergency Work to Stabilize Dangerous Conditions Resulting from Pipeline Corrosion at the Russian River County Sanitation District's Guerneville Lift Station and Force Main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville  
**Sponsors:** Sonoma County Water Agency, Russian River County Sanitation District  
**Indexes:**  
**Attachments:** 1. Summary Report

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
11/1/2022	1	Board of Supervisors	Approved as recommended	Pass

**To:** The Board of Directors the Sonoma County Water Agency and Board of Directors of the Russian River County Sanitation District  
**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma County Water Agency and Russian River County Sanitation District  
**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Grant Davis 547-1911  
**Vote Requirement:** 4/5th  
**Supervisorial District(s):** Fifth

**Title:**  
Completion of Emergency Work to Stabilize Dangerous Conditions Resulting from Pipeline Corrosion at the Russian River County Sanitation District's Guerneville Lift Station and Force Main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville

**Recommended Actions:**  
Receive Report On Completion Of Emergency Work To Stabilize Dangerous Conditions Resulting From Pipeline Corrosion On The Discharge Pipeline At The Guerneville Lift Station And Force Main On Orchard Avenue, Guerneville And Make Findings That There Is No Longer A Need To Suspend Competitive Bidding For Emergency Repairs. (4/5<sup>th</sup> Vote Required) (Fifth District)

**Executive Summary:**  
This item requests that the Board of Directors for the Russian River County Sanitation District ("District") receive a report of completed emergency work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue and find there is no longer a need to continue to suspend competitive bidding.

**Discussion:**  
On November 30, 2021, the General Manager of Sonoma Water, pursuant to authority delegated in Resolution #06-0649, declared the existence of an emergency for Russian River County Sanitation District due to pipeline corrosion occurring at the Guerneville Lift Station and force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville, respectively. The Guerneville Lift Station and Orchard Avenue Force Main failures (Incidents) are a result of

severely corroded iron/steel pipelines. In response, the Sonoma Water Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to assist with managing the impacts. As a result of the Incidents, dangerous conditions have arisen at the Guerneville Lift Station and in the force main along Orchard Avenue. These facilities are owned by the Russian River County Sanitation District and maintained by Sonoma Water. The Incidents were sudden and unexpected, and posed a clear and imminent danger requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services. The Guerneville Lift Station Project is completed. Further analysis of the Force Main on Orchard Avenue required the District to implement an additional project to prevent another failure.

Emergency incidents:

*Guerneville Lift Station*

- Failure: In the early afternoon of November 25, 2021, Sonoma Water became aware of an apparent leak near the District's Guerneville Lift Station. This lift station accepts wastewater from most of the District's service area and pumps it through a 3,400-foot-long force main to a downstream part of the collection system.

*Orchard Avenue Force Main*

- Failure: In the afternoon of November 30, 2021, Sonoma Water became aware of an apparent leak on the District's Force Main below Orchard Avenue in Guerneville. This force main conveys wastewater from the District's service area to the treatment plant at the end of Neeley Road.

Upon investigations by staff, it was determined that complete failure of the pipelines was highly possible. If the pipelines were to fail, it could cause major erosion, flooding, and contamination along River Road and Orchard Avenue with raw wastewater, thereby posing significant danger to residents, motorists, and the environment. In addition, failures would impact neighboring properties and businesses in the area.

Based upon the above, there was an urgent need to make repairs to the District's facilities. The normal contracting process takes two to three months from a minimum advertising period through assessing bids and awarding and executing contracts. This delay would mean that it would not be possible to perform repairs needed to protect public health and safety in a timely manner.

Public Contract Code section 22050 authorizes Sonoma Water to enter into contracts for public projects as may be necessary to mitigate emergency conditions without giving notice for bids. Additionally, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22035, this emergency work may proceed without adopting plans or specifications. If approved, this item will be brought back to the Board every 14 days thereafter to determine (by 4/5 vote) if there is a need to continue the action without competitive bidding. The Board is obligated to terminate the waiver of the bid process at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant so that the remainder of the work may be completed under the bid process.

The District entered into a contract with Ghilotti Construction to make the repairs at Guerneville Lift Station and Orchard Ave. In addition, the District entered into an agreement with Belfor Restoration Company to conduct clean-up of the Orchard Avenue site as well as properties along Orchard Ave that were impacted by the spill.

Progress to date:

### *Guerneville Lift Station*

- Project completed.

### *Orchard Avenue Force Main:*

- Construction on the force main has been completed, tie-in to the existing force main was successful on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Site rehabilitation and paving is completed. The Project replaced a 900-foot section of sewer force main between the Vacation Beach Lift Station, on Orchard Avenue, and the treatment plant at the end of Neeley Road.
- District met with residents in the area and conducted outreach throughout the project. The District's goal was to keep all parties that could be impacted by the Project updated on the Project's progress.

### State Grant Funding Update:

The District's Project was approved for grant funding by the State Water Resources Control Board's Urgent Drinking Water Needs program in April 2022 for \$2,321,273. On May 17, 2022 the Board ratified and approved the emergency financial assistance application and authorized the General Manager to execute the financial agreement. Staff have been responding to additional questions received from the State Water Resources Control Board and are coordinating with them to finalize the agreement.

### **Prior Board Actions:**

10/18/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

09/27/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

09/13/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs; Authorized the General Manager for the Sonoma Water to expend up to \$3,000,000 (additional \$1,500,000) in order to make the necessary repairs; Adopted a Resolution authorizing adjustments to the Board Adopted Budget for FY 2022/2023 for the Russian River County Sanitation District Construction Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.

08/30/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

08/02/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force

main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

07/12/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

06/13/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

05/17/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs; Adopted a Resolution ratifying and approving the signing and filing of emergency financial assistance applications with the SWRCB for the RRCS D Force Main Replacement Project, authorizing the Sonoma Water General Manager or designee, to execute financial assistance agreements and carry out the District's responsibilities under these agreements.

05/03/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

04/19/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

04/05/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

03/15/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

03/01/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrosions and continue to suspend

competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

02/08/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville; Made findings that there is an ongoing emergency need to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from the pipeline corrossions and continue to suspend competitive bidding requirements for emergency repairs.

01/25/2022: Received report on Emergency Need to Perform Work to Stabilize Dangerous Conditions Resulting from Pipeline Corrosion at the Russian River County Sanitation District’s Guerneville Lift Station and Force Main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville

01/04/2022: Received report on emergency need to perform work to stabilize dangerous conditions resulting from pipeline corrosion on the discharge pipeline at the Guerneville Lift Station and the force main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville and authorized an additional \$750,000 to execute contracts for a new total of \$1,500,000.

12/7/2021: Resolution Making Findings of an Emergency Need to Perform Work to Stabilize Dangerous Conditions Resulting from Pipeline Corrosion at the Russian River County Sanitation District’s Guerneville Lift Station and Force Main on Orchard Avenue, Guerneville and authorizing the expenditures up to \$750,000 for related services and supplies.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Adopted</b>	<b>FY23-24 Projected</b>	<b>FY 24-25 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:**

Total project costs are estimated to be \$3,000,000.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payro</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:**

None.