



**Watsonville**  
CALIFORNIA

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**WRITTEN BY:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GREEN  
**RECOMMENDED BY:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG  
**APPROVED BY:** TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER  
  
**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ADVERTISING FOR  
BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW BOILER AND ASSOCIATED  
PIPING AND APPURTENANCES AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
FACILITY

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council adopt a resolution approving the plans and specifications and call for bids for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Boiler Replacement and Improvements Project.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the WWTF boiler replacement and improvements project, which is ready to be advertised for bid.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In July 2024, City Council authorized the purchase of a new boiler from R.F. MacDonald Co. to replace the existing WWTF digester gas boiler. The equipment was released for production and is anticipated to be delivered in August 2025.

Michael K. Nunley & Associates, Inc. has completed the design drawings and specifications for the installation of this new boiler and associated piping, and the project is now ready to be bid. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$300,000. Bid submission deadline is tentatively scheduled for June 10, 2025 at 3:00pm, with electronic bids publicly opened shortly thereafter.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:**

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a water pipeline replacement project is exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 CE Class 2(C) because it involves the replacement of existing utility system equipment involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This action is consistent with Strategic Plan goal:

**Infrastructure & Environment**

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This project is planned in the Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Improvement Plan budget. There is no financial impact at this time. Budget will be discussed when the item is brought back to Council for award.

## **ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

## **ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):**

None.