



City Gold



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Upcoming Water and Sewer System Capital Projects

As City residents are aware, the City recently raised its water and wastewater rates substantially. While the wastewater rates were primarily raised to pay for the costs of State-mandated upgrades to the City's wastewater plant, the rate increases were also to pay for badly needed water and sewer infrastructure improvements. The City is now in a position to begin collecting sufficient funds to begin a systematic program for the replacement of those aged, deteriorated and inadequate components of the City's water and sewer systems. With a proper capital replacement program, the City will be able to obtain the maximum benefit for the ratepayer. Because of the importance of these improvements to the City's ratepayer, a substantial portion of this issue is devoted to explaining those projects. The following is a brief summary of some of the water and wastewater capital improvements projects that the City anticipates undertaking over the next five years. These projects will be presented to the City Council as part of a comprehensive water and wastewater capital improvement program in the near future.

Calendar of Events

MONTHLY, Third Saturday
Placerville Art Walk, 5pm - 9pm
Historic Downtown Placerville
For info call 530.672.3436

JANUARY 28, *Public Workshop*
7pm - 9pm

Clay St. Realignment and Bridge Replacement;
Roundabout at Cedar Ravine/Main St./Clay St.
Town Hall, 549 Main St.

FEBRUARY 26, *Girls' Night*

Out
6pm - 9pm

Historic Downtown Placerville
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Water Distribution System Projects

1. Replace the existing pressure-reducing valve and associated equipment on Cedar Ravine near Lions Park with a completely new pressure-reducing Station. Estimated cost: \$95,000.
2. Pardi Lane Waterline Replacement Project: This project will replace approximately 200 linear feet ("lf") of aged and deteriorated 12-inch cast-iron water line with new 12-inch PVC water line, and the installation of approximately 700 linear feet of new 12-inch PVC water line in Big Cut Road, between Philips Court and Estey Way. Estimated project cost: \$285,000.
3. Wiltse Road Pressure-Reducing Station and Pressure Relief Valve Project: Install new pressure-reducing station and replace existing pressure relief valves at Wiltse Road, near Broadway. Estimated cost: \$100,000.
4. Conrad Street Waterline Replacement Project: Replace approximately 900 lf of 1", 3" and 4" iron water line on Conrad Street and Conrad Court with 6" PVC-C900 water line, with new service laterals, valves, fittings and fire hydrants. Estimated project cost: \$260,000.
5. Cottage Street Waterline Replacement Project: Replace approximately 900 lf of 1", 2" and 3" iron water line on Cottage Street with 6" PVC-C900 water line, together with new service laterals, valves, fittings and fire hydrants. Estimated project cost: \$260,000.

The cost of the above projects is estimated to be \$1,000,000, which will average approximately \$200,000 per year over the next 5 years.

(Please see reverse side for wastewater projects)

City Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm, Town Hall, 549 Main St.

Planning Commission Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm, Town Hall, 549 Main St.

Kudos, Kudos, Kudos

We are very pleased to announce that the City of Placerville recently received several awards from the California Water Environment Association for our work at the Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility. The awards received were under the category of Treatment Plants under 5 Million Gallons a Day Capacity, and were for: Russ Fowler, our Senior Maintenance Mechanic, for "Plant Maintenance Mechanic of the Year"; Tina Pearson, Senior Water Reclamation Plant Operator, for "Operator of the Year"; Owen Psomas and the City of Placerville for "Plant Engineering of the Year"; and Sharon Campbell, Lab Director, for "Lab Operator of the Year."

The City is very proud of our accomplishments with the Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility, the accomplishments of our consultants and contractors on our behalf, and especially the accomplishments of our excellent staff.

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The New Year Brings New Laws

Move Over/Slow Down (SB 159): This new law requires a person driving a vehicle on a freeway and approaching in a lane immediately adjacent to a stationary, authorized emergency vehicle that displays emergency lights, or a stationary tow truck that displays flashing amber warning lights, to safely make a lane change from that lane, or slow down to a reasonable speed. * **Emergency vehicles** (police, fire, etc.) have the right-of-way when using sirens or flashing lights. You must pull over and let them pass, regardless of the state of the traffic or traffic lights, etc.

Personal Liability Immunity (AB 83): Effective August 6, 2009, this new law provides that a Good Samaritan who renders medical or non-medical care at the scene of an emergency would not be liable for any civil damages.*

Video Screens in Vehicles (AB 62): This new law allows people to drive vehicles with video screens operating in the front seat, as long as the driver can't see them.

Global Positioning Systems (GPS) Mounting: Effective Jan. 2009, the GPS unit must be mounted within a 7-inch square area in the lower corner of the windshield farthest removed from the driver (the passenger side) or in a 5-inch square area in the lower corner of the windshield nearest to the driver (the lower left corner of the windshield).

* Information from CHP News Release 09-44.

Cedar Ravine/Clay Street Realignment and Roundabout

A public workshop will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2010, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 549 Main St., Placerville. The proposed project involves replacing the Clay Street bridge at Hangtown Creek, and realigning Clay Street to intersect with Cedar Ravine and Main Street at a new roundabout intersection, consistent with the current Main Street Streetscape Plan. The meeting objective is to present the project alternatives and provide the public the opportunity to ask questions, provide input, and share concerns with the consultant team and the City of Placerville Public Works staff. Residents and business owners adjacent to the project are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. The meeting will consist of a short presentation preceded and followed by an open house, when the attendees can talk one-on-one with the design team. For information, please contact Placerville Public Works at 530.642.5250.

Sanitary Sewer Collection System Projects

1. Madrone and Giovanni Lift Station Rehabilitation Project: Reconstruct the existing Giovanni Lift Station, and upgrade pumps, controls and SCADA system at the Madrone Lift Station. Estimated project cost: \$275,000.
2. Tunnel Street Sewer Line Replacement and Waterline Relocation Project: This sewer line is one of the most problematic within the City with respect to inflow and infiltration problems. The sewer line extends through backyards within a drainage swale. This project will relocate approximately 3,200 lf of water line, and replace the leaking sewer line with new pipe, new service laterals and new manholes. Estimated project cost: \$900,000.
3. Cedar Ravine Sewer Line Relocation Project: This project will remove approximately 600 lf of existing sewer line that is located above ground within the creek channel of Cedar Ravine Creek, and construct new sewer line within the roadway of Cedar Ravine Road. Estimated project cost: \$132,000.
4. Goyan Street/Rowland Street/Gerle Street Sewer Line Replacement Project: This project will replace approximately 1,200 lf of 4" diameter cast-iron sewer line that was installed in the 1930s with new 6" diameter PVC sewer line, with new service laterals and new manholes. Estimated project cost: \$240,000.
5. Cottage Street/Conrad Street/Union Street Sewer Line Replacement Project: This project will replace approximately 2,500 lf of 4" diameter cast-iron sewer pipe installed in the 1920s with new 6" diameter PVC sewer line, with new service laterals and new manholes. Estimated project cost: \$500,000.
6. Hangtown Creek Trunk Sewer Relocation Project/Clay Street to Locust Street: This project will relocate approximately 800 linear feet of 16-inch ductile iron sewer pipe, and 800 lf of 8-inch cast-iron sewer pipe that is currently located above ground within the stream bed at Hangtown Creek between Clay Street and Locust Street, with a new 18-inch diameter PVC sewer line. The new sewer line will be located adjacent to the creek beneath the El Dorado Trail. Estimated project cost: \$900,000. A grant application is pending for this project, and project construction is dependent upon a grant award.

It's That Time of Year Again – a Word from the Fire District

The leading cause of chimney fires is the accumulation of creosote. "A chimney that is dirty, blocked or in disrepair can cause a fire that can quickly become deadly," warns Fire Chief Lacher. To prevent a chimney fire, follow these simple tips:

- ✓ Have an annual chimney inspection and cleaning by a certified chimney sweep.
- ✓ Burn only seasoned (dry) hardwoods; NEVER burn household garbage in your wood stove or fireplace.
- ✓ Keep all flammable materials away from your fireplace/stove.
- ✓ Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order.
- ✓ Practice exit drills monthly and make sure everyone knows where the meeting place is.
- ✓ In the case of a structure fire, evacuate the house and call 9-1-1. NEVER go back inside the burning home.

Clean your wood-burning stove of excess ashes on a regular basis. Empty your hot ashes in a **fireproof metal container**.

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