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City Manager's Report
January 24, 2023, City Council Meeting
Prepared by: Rebecca Neves, City Engineer
Item #: 12.3

Subject: Adopt a Resolution Declaring:

1. The underground utility and subsurface failures located within City right of way adjacent to Placerville Drive pose an imminent threat to the environment, public health, safety, and welfare because without immediate repairs, drivers and passerby's can fall within the sinkhole and be seriously injured; and
2. The public interest and necessity demand the immediate commencement of the above-described work and the expenditure of public money, in order to safeguard life, health, and further property damage that will occur unless these conditions are repaired immediately; and
3. Substantial evidence, as set forth in this resolution, demonstrates that the emergency conditions would not permit delay resulting from competitive bidding because the work must be commenced and finished as soon as possible in order to prevent injury to the public or further property damage; and
4. Because of the above reasons, competitive bidding would not provide an advantage for the public; and
5. The actions authorized by this approval (the "Project") is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Guideline Section 15269, which applies to projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish or repair property or facilities damages or destroyed as a result of a disaster. The City Manager declared a local state of emergency on December 31, 2022, which the City Council ratified on January 6, 2023. Staff is directed to file a Notice of Exemption.
6. Approving a construction contract with Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc. for the Placerville Drive Storm Drain Repair Project (CIP #42343) in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for necessary equipment, services, and supplies to make repairs to the existing damaged underground utilities and restoration located within the City right of way adjacent to Placerville Drive; and
7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the same; and
8. Approving a budget appropriation in the amount of \$34,546 from the Measure L Operating Reserve for the said project.
9. Approving a \$4,500 budget appropriation from the TDA Article 8 Fund unassigned fund balance for the said project; and
10. Approving a \$10,234 budget appropriation from the Storm Drain Fund unassigned fund balance for the said project.

Purpose: This item proposes to repair components of the City’s storm drain system located adjacent to Placerville Drive within the right of way.

Strategic Plan Strategy: Infrastructure – Update and Maintain City Owned Infrastructure.

Background: Following the arrival and impacts of a 350-to-400-year storm that spanned from December 30 to December 31, 2022, a sinkhole developed adjacent to Placerville Drive in a planter area located within the City right of way. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22035(a) and 22050, which allow the City to forego traditional contracting procedures during emergency situations, the City contacted a local contractor, Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc., to assist in identifying the cause of a failure in a City storm drainpipe that ultimately caused a sinkhole to develop.

Staff considers this work to be an emergency because leaving the sinkhole without repairs would create imminent life and safety threats to the public and would further degrade and harm the property. This emergency will not permit a delay resulting from competitive bidding because the City was required to abate and repair the damage immediately. Staff will return to the council and report on the improvements that occurred as a result of this approval.

Discussion: Public Works Department and Engineering Department staff met to assess and discuss causes of the sinkhole, which was determined to be attributed to a collar that connected two different size pipes ultimately failing and the volume of water and underground soil movement caused a large sinkhole to develop.

The contractor and staff met to discuss options for ultimate repairs necessary and established the following scope based on field observations and measurements:

- a. Replace the failed collar location with a 60” drain manhole to allow for access to the system and proper connection of the two varying pipe sizes.
- b. Stabilize and backfill the sinkhole area, conform grades to match the existing area.

The estimated cost for these improvements is approximately \$35,000. Placerville Drive is identified in the General Plan as a Minor Arterial, which does qualify as a federal-aid route as part of the National Highway System (NHS) and in conjunction with the State and Federal declaration of emergency allows the cost of these repairs to be potentially reimbursed by the State or Federal Government through the emergency relief program. Staff will be seeking reimbursement of all repairs associated with the flood damage that occurred from recent storms on all eligible roads.

Work for this project is scheduled to commence upon approval of the contract under this item.

Options: Options for City Council’s consideration include:

1. Proceed with the project as recommended by City staff.
2. Provide direction to staff to develop or refine the scope of the project and return for approval later.
3. Delay or defer the project.

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Cost: The cost of the proposed construction contract with Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc. is \$35,000.

Budget Impact: The estimated repair cost for the sinkhole at Placerville Drive is \$35,000. Staff recommends the following project budget for the project:

Description	Amount
Estimated Construction Price	\$ 35,000
Construction Contingency	9,280
Construction Inspections and Testing	5,000
Total	\$ 49,280

Staff recommends the City Council approve budget appropriations in the amount of \$34,546 from the Measure L Fund Operating Reserve, \$4,500 from the TDA Article 8 unassigned fund balance, and \$10,234 from the Storm Drain Fund unassigned fund balance for a total budget of \$49,280 for the said project. The proposed project budget includes the construction contract of \$35,000, \$5,000.00 for construction inspections and testing, and a \$9,280 contingency. If the City is awarded a reimbursement for the cost of this project from the State and/or Federal Government, the funding sources mentioned above will be replenished by a proportional amount.

Recommendation: : Adopt a Resolution Declaring:

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Attachments:

- A: Resolution
- B: Project Exhibit