



TITLE

Napa River Ecology Center Project Level Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving a Project Level Agreement with the American Canyon Community Parks Foundation for the Building E Pump Station Improvements Project (WW26-0200) for an amount not to exceed \$425,000.

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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The future Napa River Ecology Center (Ecology Center), located at 205 Wetlands Edge, contains both active and decommissioned City sanitary sewer infrastructure. Active facilities include the Building E Pump Station and an overflow pond that is utilized during major storm events when inflow and infiltration (I/I) can temporarily exceed downstream conveyance and treatment capacity.

Over the years, the Building E Pump Station has been incrementally upgraded to improve reliability and accommodate growth within the community. However, a permanent in-ground bypass pipeline to convey excess wet-weather flows to the overflow pond was not constructed as part of previous capital improvement projects. Installation of the bypass pipeline represents a modernization of critical wastewater infrastructure and will improve the long-term functionality of the facility while ensuring compatibility with the future public use of the site.

On March 3, 2026, the City Council approved the Building E Pump Station Improvements Project as part of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Capital Improvement Program. The original delivery approach anticipated the City bidding and constructing the project prior to commencement of Ecology Center improvements. Due to competing capital priorities, project timing and limited staff resources, the City was not able to bid the project before the stite transfer and construction activities associated with the Ecology Center began.

The Ecology Center project has now mobilized contractors and construction activities throughout the site. Soliciting separate bids and introducing a another contractor would likely create construction conflicts, increase coordination requirements, and potentially impact both project

schedules. To avoid these inefficiencies, staff recommends that the American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation (ACCPF) deliver the bypass pipeline improvements as part of the ongoing Ecology Center project under a Project Level Agreement with the City.

This approach provides several benefits. First, it allows the work to be completed by a contractor already mobilized on-site, eliminating redundant mobilization and staging costs. Second, it reduces the risk of construction conflicts associated with multiple contractors working within the same active project area. Third, the proposed construction cost submitted by ACCPF's contractor is reasonable and consistent with staff's expectations for the scope of work. However, there is an opportunity for additional value engineering and utilizing the existing contractor provides the most efficient and cost effective means of delivering the project while minimizing risk to both the City and the Ecology Center project. Finally, the need to construct these improvements at this time is largely driven by the conversion of the former Corporation Yard into a publicly accessible community facility. Absent the Ecology Center project, the City would likely have deferred construction of the bypass pipeline to a future capital improvement cycle.

On September 18, 2018, the American Canyon City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a partnership between the City and ACCPF. The MOU contemplates the use of Project Level Agreements to define roles, responsibilities, and funding arrangements for specific projects, programs, and community initiatives. The MOU requires approval by both the City Council and the ACCPF Board of Directors for projects with a value exceeding \$50,000.

COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Outdoors and Recreation: "Expand opportunities for use of outdoor recreation and an active and healthy lifestyle."

FISCAL IMPACT

On June 6, 2026, City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Capital Improvement Program which established a project budget of \$450,000 for the Building E Pump Station Project (WW26-0200) with the funding from Fund 550 Wastewater Capacity Fee.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

15301 - The Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under the Class 1 exemption of existing facilities of Section 15301 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and said exemption is not negated by any exception under Section 15300.2 of said Regulations.

COMMUNICATION

Level 0: No Further Public Communication Needed

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution - ACCPF Project Level Agreement
2. ACCPF MOU 2018-179