



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.4

DATE: October 27, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brent Smith, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Resolutions authorizing execution of a cooperation agreement with Alameda County to reimburse the City with County funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$700,000 for project management and engineering services for the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project WW202313; and authorizing, subject to Alameda County approving the cooperation agreement, a supplemental appropriation of \$700,000 in Alameda County funding to the CIP Wastewater Fund 621 in the FY 2025-26 budget and execution of an agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$629,000 and a term ending December 31, 2026, to provide engineering analysis and prepare a basis of design report for the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project WW202313.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt two resolutions:

1. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a cooperation agreement with Alameda County to reimburse the City with County funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$700,000 for project management and engineering services for the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project WW202313; and
2. Authorizing, subject to Alameda County approving the cooperation agreement, a supplemental appropriation of \$700,000 in Alameda County funding to the CIP Wastewater Fund (Fund 621) in the FY 2025-26 budget.
3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$629,000 and a term ending December 31, 2026, to provide engineering analysis and prepare a basis of design report for the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project WW202313.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

On November 8, 2022, Livermore voters approved amendments to the City's South Livermore Valley

Urban Growth Boundary Initiative (Measure P). These amendments allow the extension of sewer services to the northeast portion of the South Livermore Valley in unincorporated Alameda County along Buena Vista Avenue and segments of Tesla Road and Greenville Road (Attachment 1).

The City of Livermore (City) and County of Alameda (County) staff have developed a cooperation agreement that allows the County to fund and the City to manage an engineering consultant to provide topographic surveys, perform preliminary engineering analysis and develop a basis of design report for the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension. This report will include recommended sewer main alignment and depth, locations (if any) where pump or lift stations would be needed and preliminary cost estimates for the project's construction, operation, maintenance and revenue.

Carollo Engineers, Inc. submitted a proposal that meets the City and County's requirements for qualifications and scope of work. This agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$629,000, will provide the information needed prior to beginning final design work and will inform ongoing discussions with Alameda County regarding project implementation, funding, asset ownership, operations, and maintenance.

DISCUSSION

On July 11, 2022, the City Council adopted the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and authorized amendments to the City's South Livermore Valley Urban Growth Boundary Initiative, to address groundwater concerns and allow for continued commercial and visitor serving developments in this area of unincorporated Alameda County. This action was requested by the Tri-Valley Conservancy and other South Livermore Valley stakeholders in response to Zone 7's Nutrient Management Plan for the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin (July 2015), and the Alameda County Local Agency Management Program for septic systems (June 2018), which both identify areas of concern regarding nitrate concentrations and describe requirements, procedures, prohibitions, and corrective actions including connection to a municipal sewer system.

On November 8, 2022, Livermore voters approved amendments to the City's South Livermore Valley Urban Growth Boundary Initiative (Measure P). These amendments allow the extension of sewer services to the northeast portion of the South Livermore Valley in unincorporated Alameda County along Buena Vista Avenue and segments of Tesla Road and Greenville Road. The location of the proposed sewer extension is generally shown on Attachment 1 and would connect to the existing City sewer main on East Avenue at Buena Vista Avenue. The new sewer main would provide adjacent Alameda County residents and businesses the opportunity to connect to sewer service.

City and Alameda County staff have developed a Cooperation Agreement (Exhibit A to the Cooperation Agreement Resolution) allowing the County to provide funding and the City to utilize the County funding to provide project management services and contract with an engineering consultant with expertise in sewer systems. The consultant will obtain topographic surveys, perform engineering analysis and develop a basis of design report. This report will include recommended sewer main alignment and depth, locations (if any) where pump or lift stations would be needed and preliminary cost estimates for the project's construction, operation, maintenance and revenue. This information is needed prior to beginning final design work and will inform ongoing discussions with Alameda County regarding project implementation, funding, asset ownership, operations, maintenance, and other issues related to the sewer extension.

In May 2024, staff sent out a request for qualifications for consultants to perform engineering services for utility projects, including water and wastewater projects, associated with the City's Capital Improvement Program. The purpose of this process was to receive statements of qualifications (SOQs) from multiple consultants, and based on review of these qualifications, execute on-call utility engineering services agreements and establish a short list of consultants who would be eligible for supporting future utility projects. Based on review of the SOQs including qualifications, interest, and coverage, a selection committee comprised of staff from Engineering and Water Resources found Carollo to be the top-ranked consultant for utility engineering services with a wastewater emphasis.

In December 2024, staff solicited proposals from three engineering firms on the prequalified list of utility engineering consultants for engineering services for the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project, including land survey, engineering analysis to produce a basis of design report that will include project design recommendations, estimates of capital, operating and maintenance costs, and revenue. Carollo Engineers submitted a proposal that was reviewed and approved by City and County staff. Carollo Engineers have satisfactorily completed work on other projects for the City. A professional services agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. (Exhibit A to the Professional Services Agreement Resolution) is recommended for approval subject to Alameda County approving the cooperation agreement, which the County will consider subsequent to the City's approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On July 11, 2022, the City adopted the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). No additional environmental review is required for this action.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

At this time, funding for the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project is limited to \$6.5 million set aside by Alameda County. This funding is sufficient for this action.

To proceed with the Project, staff proposes a supplemental appropriation of \$700,000 in Alameda County funding to the CIP Wastewater Fund (Fund 621) in the FY 2025-26 budget for the South Livermore Valley Sewer Extension Project WW202313 subject to Alameda County approving the cooperation agreement. Alameda County will reimburse the City for the preliminary design phase expenses and \$71,000 for City staff costs to provide project management.

COMMUNITY PILLAR

2: Economy That Prospers

GOAL

2: Lead efforts, in collaboration with other City departments and outside partners, to maintain and enhance the diversity and resilience of Livermore's economy.

GUIDING DOCUMENT

Fiscal Year 2025-2030 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Location
2. Resolution
3. Exhibit A - Alameda County Cooperation Agreement
4. Resolution
5. Exhibit A - Carollo Professional Services Agreement

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