

Olivehurst Public Utility District



Agenda Item Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 18, 2020

Item description/summary:

MOU for collaboration with Wheatland on accepting Wheatland's wastewater as a regional wastewater plant. This item has been discussed in committee. Due to OPUD's recent annexation of the sports, entertainment and industrial zones in South Yuba County a unique opportunity exists to provide wastewater service, as a regional wastewater plant, to the City of Wheatland. There have been many discussions at staff level between OPUD and the City and this MOU describes and memorializes the collaboration efforts between the two. Further discussions at staff level and additional discussions at ad-hoc level with elected representatives from both sides will continue.

Fiscal Analysis:

N/A

Employee Feedback

None

Sample Motion:

Move to approve the wastewater collaboration MOU between OPUD and the City of Wheatland.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING REGIONAL SEWER
COLLABORATION BETWEEN OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT (OPUD)
AND CITY OF WHEATLAND**

WHEREAS Olivehurst Public Utilities District (OPUD) operates a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP); and

WHEREAS, the OPUD wastewater treatment plant currently has 1.5 MGD available capacity now and expansion capacity for up to 8 MGD in the future; and

WHEREAS OPUD is in process of annexing and serving the Yuba County Entertainment Zone with water and sewer utilities; and

WHEREAS OPUD wishes to increase flows into its WWTP, reduce its overall O&M costs, and minimize future sewer rate increases to all its customers; and

WHEREAS Wheatland requires a solution for future wastewater capacity; and

WHEREAS Wheatland wishes to connect to the OPUD wastewater treatment plant to meet current and future wastewater treatment needs; and

WHEREAS the extension of the OPUD wastewater collection infrastructure to serve the Yuba County Entertainment District significantly reduces the capital investment required for Wheatland to connect to the OPUD wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS both OPUD and Wheatland are committed to negotiating a mutually beneficial agreement for a regional sewer collaboration.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the above, both parties agree to the following:

1. Parties direct their respective staffs to negotiate a long-term agreement between OPUD and Wheatland for wastewater treatment and collection services that meets the needs of both jurisdictions and establishes an appropriate share of cost; and
2. Parties agree to appoint a Regional Sewer Ad-hoc Committee comprised of two elected members of each jurisdiction's governing board to work with staff toward completion of an agreement; and
3. Parties agree to work collaboratively to finance the required capital improvements in a manner that does not burden the rate payers of either jurisdiction.

Rick West, Mayor
City of Wheatland

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Board Chair
Olivehurst Public Utility District