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NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION: SANITARY SEWER INFILTRATION REDUCTION PROJECT - 2018

Arcata, CA, Friday, June 27, 2018 – The City of Arcata Building and Engineering Department announced previously that the City of Arcata has contracted with G.R. Sundberg Construction for the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Infiltration Reduction Project. Inflow and infiltration (I&I) is the intrusion of external water into the closed sanitary sewer network via defects and damage to the system; inflow is the immediate intrusion of stormwater, and infiltration is the slower “seeping” of groundwater into manholes and sewer lines. The additional water volume resulting from I&I can be significant, and frequently causes inundation of sewer lines resulting in sanitary sewer overflows (SSO’s), and the operation of the wastewater treatment plant at or above its designed limits.

This project will substantially help to reduce the rate of I&I into the City’s sanitary sewer system. The majority of the work consists of cured in place pipe lining (CIPP) or replacing sewer lines and laterals in the City where the sanitary sewer system was constructed using short lengths of vitrified clay pipe whose joint have failed over time in our seismically active area. CIPP is a trenchless technology that inverts an epoxy impregnated sock along the inside of the pipe which is then expanded and heat cured. During the curing process occasionally, there may be pungent odor that some people may find offensive. If you notice a strong odor in your residence, it may be that your sewer odor trapping device or “P-trap” is not functioning. Pour water into the suspect drain to be sure there is water in the P-trap and plug it if possible. The offending odor should stop and then ventilate your residence, the smell should dissipate quickly. Please contact us if you have repeated odors while they are working on the line in your neighborhood and we will try to be of assistance.

Funding for this Project has been provided in full or in part by the Proposition 1 – the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board. California’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund is capitalized through a variety of funding sources, including grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and state bond proceeds. The remaining cost plus contingencies will be funded using capital reserves which have been accumulating in the City’s Wastewater Fund for the purpose of funding major infrastructure improvements. In anticipation of financing major capital projects, the City Council increased water and wastewater rates over a five-

year period which will be used to cover the cost of major capital improvements to the City's 50+ year old infrastructure.

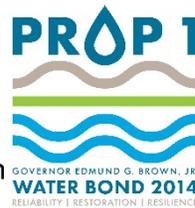
Camera work and sewerline cleaning has commenced. Construction/relining will not begin till mid-July. The entire project should be completed by mid-2019.

On the days of scheduled work, please follow all directions and traffic control devices within the project area.

If problems are encountered, please contact the Contractor's Project Manager, Casey Poff of G. R. Sundberg Construction, Inc. at (707)-825-6565, or Netra Khatri, City of Arcata Project Manager, at (707) 825-2173.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause and thank you for your cooperation.

Project Funded by:



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