



# Town of Yountville

6550 Yount Street  
Yountville, CA 94599

## Staff Report

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**DATE:** January 7, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and Town Council  
**FROM:** John Ferons, Public Works Director  
**PREPARED BY:** John Ferons, Public Works Director

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Continue the Emergency Declaration for the Town of Yountville Recycled Water Transmission Main Repair pursuant to Yountville Municipal Code 3.32.390.

### **DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to Town of Yountville Municipal Code 3.32.390, Town Staff shall continue to make reports to Town Council at each regularly scheduled Town Council meeting until the emergency action is terminated by the Town Council. Town Council heard an Administrative Report at the February 21, 2023, Council meeting and determined the need to declare the emergency.

As a reminder, the Town owns and operates a Recycled Water Transmission Main that delivers treated wastewater to the golf course and various vineyard pond customers located on both the east and west sides of the Napa River. That transmission main is a 6-inch PVC pipe that traverses the floor of the Napa Valley from the treatment plant on the west side of the valley to various recycled water customers located on the east side of the valley. It was installed in 1977 and has been in continuous use since its inception. In one location the pipe crosses underneath the Napa River in a direct bury format, it is not installed within a casing pipe or encased in any protective concrete. It is at this location, underneath the Napa River, that a leak has been discovered.

#### **Update:**

1. The Town's temporary river crossing failed during the November atmospheric river and is scheduled to be repaired and returned to service. However, given the frequency and volume of storms in December, staff is working to schedule the repair when there is less risk of it suffering damage.
2. During periods of frequent storms and high flow in the Napa River the plant is required to discharge to the river which mitigates the need for the temporary crossing at this time.
3. Town staff continues to work on the three layers of easements the Town necessary from the adjacent property owners: Temporary Construction Easements for the duration of the construction, new Utility Easements for the new pipe alignment and renewal of the existing Access Easements to the pipeline facility. There is also discussion about renewal of the water use agreements whose timelines are approaching
4. Emergency status remains in place to help to assist and ensure all adequate funding sources are available.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

CEQA Cat Ex Class 1, Existing Facilities

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

Is it Currently Budgeted? Yes

Where is it Budgeted? WW-0042; 63-4518-5100; Recycled Water Transmission Main Repair

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? Nominal

### **STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL**

Is item Identified in Strategic Plan? Yes

If yes, Identify Strategic Goal and Objective. **Exceptional Town Services and Staff:** The Town supports its talented staff who deliver high quality municipal programs and services while maintaining public infrastructure for the benefit of the community. **Responsible Fiscal Policy:** The Town maintains its fiscal health through policies designed to maximize economic opportunities, manage expenses, and ensure prudent reserves.

Briefly Explain Relationship to Strategic Plan Goal and Objective. The Town's Recycled Water Program is critical infrastructure for the benefit of the community. The Recycled Water Transmission Main is necessary for the delivery of recycled water to our contract customers. A quick response facilitated by declaring an emergency is responsible fiscally because it reduces the time and cost associated with performing the repair which will reduce the Town's exposure to any fines for regulatory non-compliance.