



# CITY OF WHEATLAND

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

September 24, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Waiver of Formal Bid Process for Emergency Repair of Sinkhole at Wheatland Corporation Yard

**PREPARED BY:** Bill Zenoni, City Manager

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Wheatland City Council consider adoption of a resolution authorizing waiver of formal bid process for emergency repair of sinkhole at Wheatland Corporation Yard.

### **Background/Discussion**

On April 11, 2024, the City's Public Works staff discovered a hole in the pavement just outside of a shop building at the northwest corner of the City's Corporation Yard located at 208 4<sup>th</sup> Street. After discovering the hole and void, staff removed a small area of asphalt paving around the original hole which revealed a very large and deep void with tunnels extending beneath the shop building foundation and under the asphalt parking lot into the corporation yard. It appears that surface stormwater has found its way to an abandoned well and has eroded soil through the well.

The City Engineer and City staff have determined future rains could cause additional soil erosion and that an emergency repair is necessary to eliminate the structural deficiency caused by the sinkhole and to protect staff and the public from harm caused by this hazardous condition. Staff is requesting City Council authorization to waive the formal bid process for the emergency repair work in accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 20168 which provides that in case of an emergency, the legislative body may pass a resolution by four-fifths vote of its members declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health or property. Once a contract for the emergency repair work is executed, staff will present the contract to the City Council for ratification at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The City has found that the repair work to the sinkhole at the City Corporation Yard is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act as an action to repair an existing facility with no expansion of use under CEQA Guidelines section 15301. Staff will work with legal counsel to ensure that the City complies with the California Environmental Quality Act in completing this project.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The costs associated with repair of the Corporation Yard sinkhole will be reimbursed by the City's property insurance carrier, less a \$25,000 deductible amount.

**Attachment**

1. Resolution

**WHEATLAND CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. 43-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND  
AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF THE FORMAL BID PROCESS FOR EMERGENCY  
REPAIR OF THE SINKHOLE AT THE WHEATLAND CORPORATION YARD**

**WHEREAS**, a large sinkhole was discovered at the City Corporation Yard located at 208 4<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Wheatland staff and the City Engineer have been working diligently to develop a plan to repair this damage; and

**WHEREAS**, a rain event could cause further damage and potential increased risk to the safety of City staff and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the immediate need to repair the damage at the Wheatland Corporation Yard will not permit a delay resulting from the formal bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, staff will solicit quotations from qualified contractors to perform the emergency repair work; and

**WHEREAS**, California Public Contract Code Section 20168 provides that in case of an emergency, the legislative body may pass a resolution by four-fifths vote of its members declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health or property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** by the City Council of the City of Wheatland that:

- A. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
- B. The City Council waives the City's formal bid process for the emergency repair of the sinkhole at the Wheatland Corporation Yard.
- C. The City Manager is authorized to execute the necessary agreements for the repair of the sinkhole at the Wheatland Corporation Yard.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of City of Wheatland on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

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Rick West, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Thomason, City Clerk