

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent Calendar 15

SUBJECT: Adopt a resolution regarding the Breslauer Campus Sewer Line which: (1) Finds an emergency exists that will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids to repair the sewer line pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 1102, 20134, and 22050; (2) designates authority to the Public Works Director to take all actions necessary to remedy the emergency pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(b)(1); (3) waives the requirements for competitive bidding or giving notice for bids for contracts to perform modification work to the sewer line pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050; (4) finds the project to repair the sewer line to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15302(c) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and Section 5269(b) for emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare; and (5) approve budget amendments which decrease appropriations and revenue by \$130,000 in the Land Buildings and Improvement Budget (BU 166) and transfer appropriations in the amount of \$58,500 in the MHSA Adult Services Budget (BU 404) and \$71,500 in the Social Services Admin Budget (BU 501).

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: John Heath, Assistant Public Works Director, (530) 225-5661

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Troy Bartolomei, Public Works Director

<u>Vote Required?</u>	<u>General Fund Impact?</u>
4/5 Vote	No General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The main sewer line serving facilities on the Breslauer Campus is old and fragile. A camera inspection showed the sewer line is in jeopardy of imminent failure due to certain areas nearly void of any remaining pipe. County staff have been making spot repairs as failures or blockages occur. The frequency and size of the repairs have increased considerably. The sewer line serves the Crisis Residential and Recovery Center (CRRC). It must remain in continual operation. It may not be served by temporary sanitation or

hygiene facilities.

Informal bids to repair the sewer line have been obtained. All exceeded the \$75,000 maximum amount allowed to forego the formal bidding process. The proposed resolution authorizes the Public Works Director to enter into contracts to affect the needed modifications without competitive bidding. Public Contract Code section 22050(a)(1) states, "In the case of an emergency, a public agency, pursuant to a four-fifths vote of its governing body may repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts."

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15302(c) replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity are exempt and pursuant to Section 5269(b) emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare are exempt.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board may decline to make the emergency finding. Plans and specifications could be prepared and circulated for competitive bidding. The project completion would be delayed by five to seven months. Facilities on the Breslauer Campus, including the CRRC, could be left without access to sewer. The CRRC must operate continually. It cannot be served by temporary sanitation and personal hygiene facilities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the resolution as to form. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no General Fund impact as a result of the recommended actions. The total estimated cost for this project is \$130,000, including construction, administration, and contingency. Upon approval of the recommendation, sufficient appropriations for this project will be included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budgets.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1: Proposed Resolution
- 2: Budget Amendment – LB&I
- 3: Budget Amendment – MHSA & Social Services