

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** May 13, 2025

**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 18

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a resolution for the “CSA 17-Cottonwood Collection System Improvement Project,” Contract No. 610533, which adopts a California Environmental Quality Act Addendum of a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** District 5

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Don Renz, Principal Engineer, (530) 225-5661

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Troy Bartolomei, Public Works Director

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
Simple Majority Vote	General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution for the “CSA 17-Cottonwood Collection System Improvement Project,” Contract No. 610533, which adopts a California Environmental Quality Act Addendum of a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

### **DISCUSSION**

On April 18, 2017, the Board adopted a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the CSA 17-Cottonwood Sewer Wastewater Collection and Treatment Improvement Project (Project). For construction purposes, the Project consists of two separate phases. Phase 1 consisted of wastewater treatment plant improvements. It is complete. Phase 2 consists of wastewater collection system improvements. Phase 2 construction started in May 2024, and is expected to be completed by July 2025.

Additional grant funds remain in the Phase 2 contingencies. The Department has identified an additional segment of collection system pipe in need of improvement. It is beneficial to complete this additional scope of work. The modifications to Phase 2 are set forth in the attached second addendum to the MND. These additional improvements were not part of the original scope of work for Phase 2 approved in April 2017. Although the additions to Phase 2’s scope of work are not substantial changes, an addendum to the approved MND has been prepared to account for the modifications.

Accordingly, the County is preparing to proceed with additional scope to the Phase 2 improvements to the CSA 17-Cottonwood Sewer Collection System in accordance with Phase 2’s modified scope of work and the attached Second Addendum to the MND. A 30-day public comment review period was issued from March 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025. A Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt a Second Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration was published in the Redding Record Searchlight initially on February 28, 2025, and again on April 14, 2025, to update the Board of Supervisor’s meeting date and location and made available for review at the Shasta County Department of Public Works office and on the State Clearinghouse’s CEQANet website. No comments were received.

If there are not sufficient funds in CSA No. 17 to completely pay for projects costs while awaiting reimbursement from the State, the balance of funds used to pay the project costs will constitute a loan to CSA No. 17, which CSA No. 17 would be required to repay within the same fiscal year per Government Code section 25214.3, unless terms and conditions for loan repayment are otherwise modified by the Board of Supervisors per Government Code Section 25214.4.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board may decline to approve the Second Addendum to the MND. The additional scope to the Phase 2 improvements could

not be constructed. The Department would forego the available additional grant funds.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The total estimated cost for Phase 2 of the Project is \$7,755,000, including design, construction, project administration, and contingency. Sufficient appropriations for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CSA #17 Cottonwood Sewer Administration Budget and will be included in future budget requests. The State of California Proposition 1 Grant Program will cover the cost for Phase 2 of the Project. The CSA will be in a negative cash position for periods of time during the Project while awaiting reimbursement from the State of California.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1: Draft Resolution
- 2: 2025 CEQA Addendum 2