



# STAFF REPORT

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO

## AGENDA TITLE:

Finding Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Projects 1A and 1B Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Directing the Filing of a Notice of Exemption

## RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sausalito Finding Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Projects 1A and 1B Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Directing the Filing of a Notice of Exemption

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## SUMMARY

The California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance administers the State Revolving Fund loan program and is the administering entity for Federal Economic Stimulus monies for wastewater projects. In order to benefit from those monies, the State Water Resources Control Board requires that projects undergo Environmental Review compliant with Division of Financial Assistance Environmental Review Process Guidelines for State Loan Applicants. With Resolution 5016 of April 7, 2009 the City Council authorized the City Manager to submit an application for such funding assistance for Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Projects. Two of those projects, Project 1A and Project 1B, have been developed and the potential impacts assessed to an extent that a finding in compliance with the Division of Financial Assistance Environmental Review Process Guidelines for State Loan Applicants is timely. Project 1A involves the installation of three geotechnical borings, and repair of approximately 2,300 linear feet of existing 8-inch sewer pipes by lining with new 4-inch pipe using launch pits and pulling through the existing line, replacement of approximately 800 linear feet of 6-inch sewer laterals with new 6-inch lines and pump stations using open trenches. Project 1A will be constructed in the vicinity of Gate 5 Road between Harbor Drive and Coloma Street (see attached conceptual plan).

Project 1B involves the installation of two geotechnical borings, rehabilitation of to the Anchor Pump Station, replacement of 1,120 linear feet of existing pipe, by a combination of open trenching to replace an existing 6-inch line and pulling a new force main through existing 6-inch lines, and installation of a new small-package lift station and grease interceptor. Project 1B will be constructed along Humboldt Ave, through the Sausalito Yacht Harbor parking lot along the Bay Street alignment on Spinnaker Point (see attached conceptual plan).

Work at both sites will occur largely within existing trenches. Any water removed during excavation will be discharged to the sanitary sewer. Best Management Practices will be employed during construction to minimize dust and disturbance. The street will remain open with traffic controls during construction.

On the basis of the environmental analysis conducted by the City's consultant for the subject projects, Prunuske Chatham, Inc. based on project descriptions provided by the City's designer, West Yost Associates, Staff concurs that the subject projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act inasmuch as they both involve replacement or rehabilitation of existing facilities with no increase in capacity or expansion in use as directed.

### **ISSUES**

No outstanding issues have been identified.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is associated with the contemplated action.


### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

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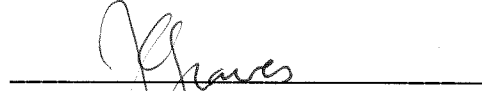
### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Conceptual Plans for Projects 1A and 1B
- A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sausalito Finding Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Projects 1A and 1B Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Directing the Filing of a Notice of Exemption

PREPARED BY:  
Director of Public Works

  
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Jonathon Goldman

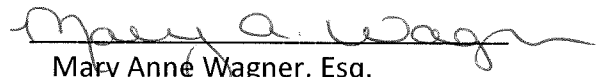
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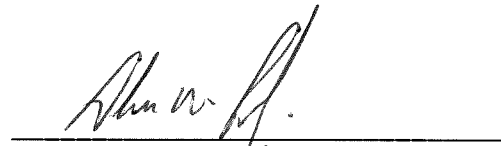
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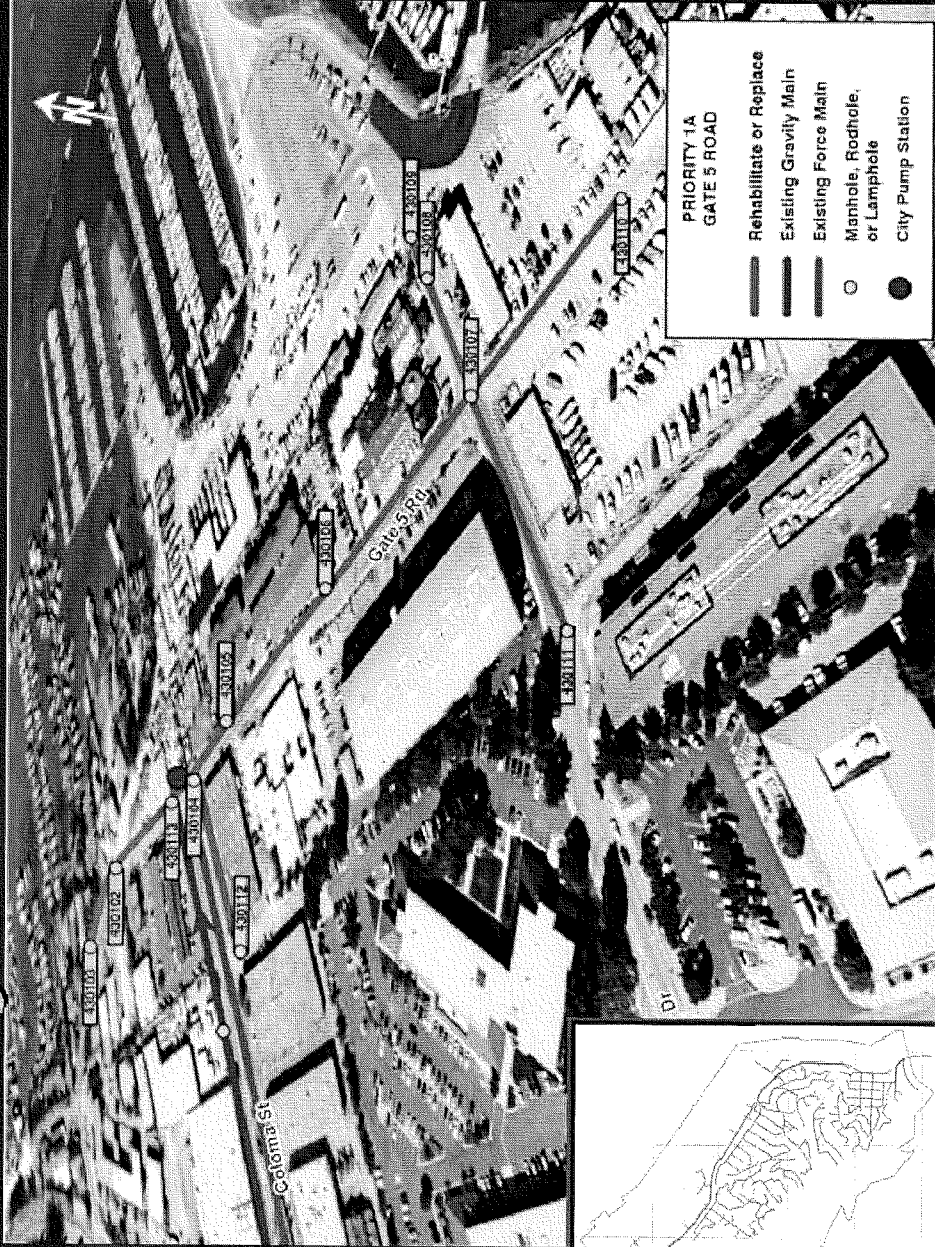
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Mary Anne Wagner, Esq.

SUBMITTED BY:

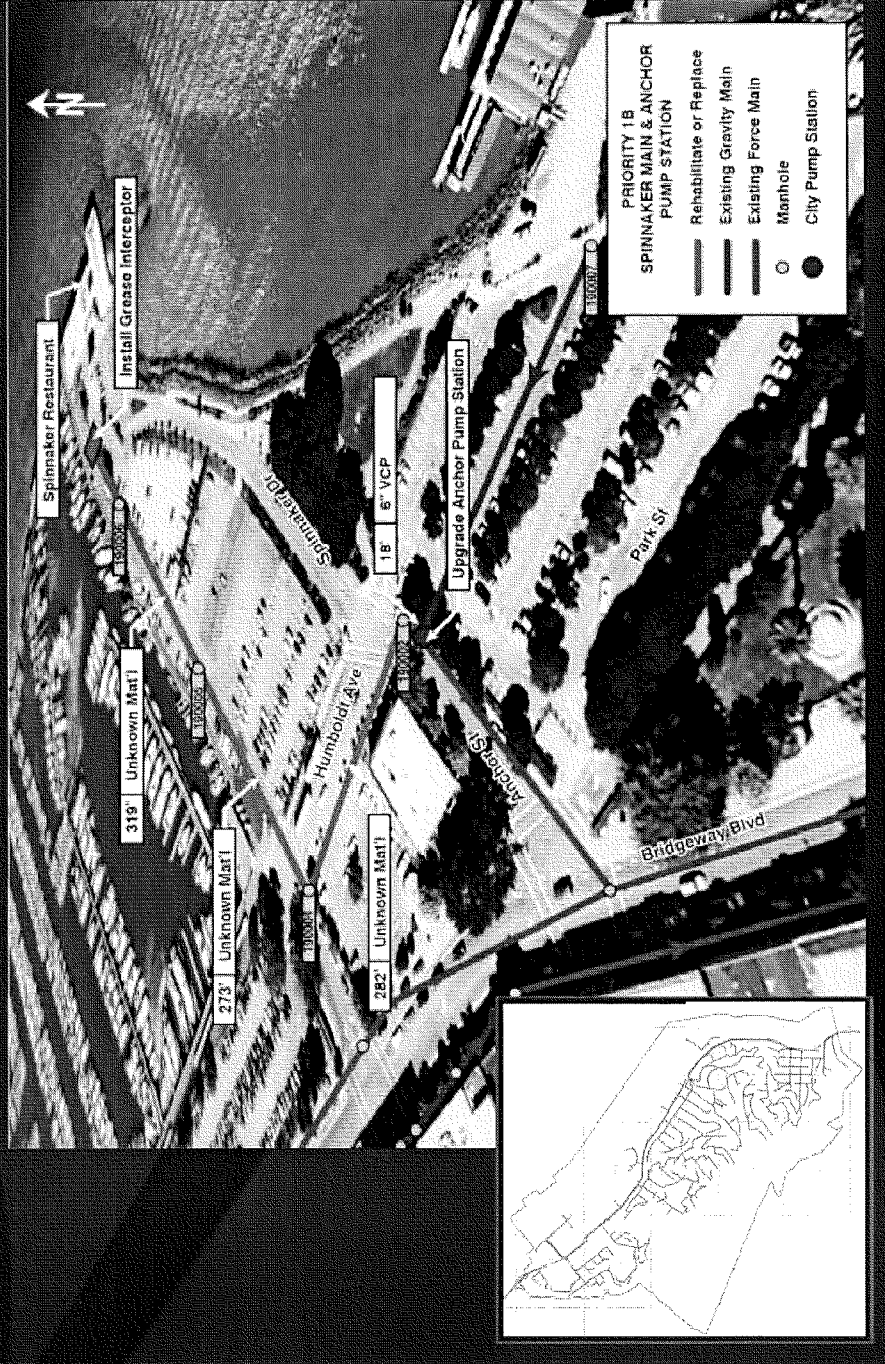
  
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City Manager

# Project 1a – Gate 5 Road



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# Project 1b – Spinnaker Main & Anchor Pump Station



**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO FINDING  
PRIORITY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECTS 1A AND 1B CATEGORICALLY  
EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND  
DIRECTING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Sausalito ("City") desires to construct and/or reconstruct certain public facilities and improvements relating to its wastewater system, including pipelines, laterals, manholes, cleanouts, pump stations and other infrastructure (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, elements of the Project, identified as "Project 1A" (in the area of Gate 5 Road between Coloma Street and Harbor Drive) and "Project 1B" (in the area of Spinnaker Point and Humboldt Avenue) have been advanced to an extent that the potential environmental impacts of said construction and/or reconstruction have been assessed in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance Environmental Review Process Guidelines for State Loan Applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, Project 1A will involve the installation of three geotechnical borings, and repair of approximately 2,300 linear feet of existing 8-inch sewer pipes by lining with new 4-inch pipe using launch pits and pulling through the existing line, replacement of approximately 800 linear feet of 6-inch sewer laterals with new 6-inch lines and pump stations using open trenches; and

**WHEREAS**, Project 1B will involve the installation of two geotechnical borings, rehabilitation of to the Anchor Pump Station, replacement of 1,120 linear feet of existing pipe, by a combination of open trenching to replace an existing 6-inch line and pulling a new force main through existing 6-inch lines, and installation of a new small-package lift station and grease interceptor. Project 1B will be constructed along Humboldt Ave, through the Sausalito Yacht Harbor parking lot along the Bay Street alignment on Spinnaker Point; and

**WHEREAS**, the necessary environmental analysis of Project 1A and Project 1B has been made by the City's consultant for the subject projects, Prunuske Chatham, Inc. based on project descriptions provided by the City's designer, West Yost Associates; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff has reviewed the environmental analysis and concurs with the City's consultants that both the subject Project 1A and Project 1B are categorically exempt from CEQA (Class 1 – Section 15301 -- Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities not expanding existing uses) inasmuch as they both involve replacement or rehabilitation of existing facilities with no increase in capacity or expansion in use; and

**WHEREAS**, as the lead agency for Project 1A and Project 1B, the City is responsible for issuing a Notice of Exemption communication these findings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Sausalito:

1. The City of Sausalito finds that Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Projects 1A and 1B are categorically exempt from the CEQA Class 1 – Section 15301 (Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities not expanding existing uses).
2. City Staff is directed to file the attached and incorporated by reference herein Notice of Exemption with the County of Marin and the State of California, Office of Planning and Research.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sausalito on the 6th day of April, 2010 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers:  
**NOES:** Councilmembers:  
**ABSTAIN:** Councilmembers:  
**ABSENT:** Councilmembers:

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
**CITY OF SAUSALITO**  
**SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION: PRIORITY 1 PROJECTS**

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: City of Sausalito  
420 Litho Street  
Sausalito, CA 94965-1933

Marin County Clerk  
P.O. Box E  
San Rafael, CA 94913

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**Name of Lead Agency Approving the Project:**

City of Sausalito

**Name of Applicant, Person, or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

City of Sausalito

**Applicant Address:**

420 Litho Street  
Sausalito, CA 94965-1933

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

Jonathon Goldman  
Director of Public Works

**Specific Project Location:** Sausalito Waterfront along Gate 5 Road from Harbor Drive to Coloma Street (Site 1a) and along Humboldt Ave, through the Sausalito Yacht Harbor parking lot along the Bay Street alignment on Spinnaker Point (Site 1b)

**Project Location – City and County:** Sausalito, Marin

**Description of Project:**

The City of Sausalito proposes to rehabilitate sanitary sewer facilities at two locations.

Site 1a includes:

- Three geotechnical borings,
- Repair of approximately 2,300 linear feet of existing 8-inch sewer pipes by lining with new 4-inch pipe using launch pits and pulling through the existing line, and
- Replacement of approximately 800 linear feet of sewer laterals with new 6-inch lines and pump stations using open trenches.

Site 1b includes:

- Two geotechnical borings,
- Rehabilitation of the Anchor Pump Station,
- Replacement of 1,120 linear feet of existing pipe, by a combination of open trenching and pulling new line through existing, and
- Installation of a new grease interceptor.

Work will occur largely within existing trenches. Any water removed during excavation will be discharged to the sanitary sewer. Best Management Practices will be employed during construction to minimize dust and disturbance. The street will remain open with traffic controls during construction.

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**Exempt Status – Class and Guidelines Section:** Class 1 – Section 15301 (Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities not expanding existing uses)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The project works within the existing sewer system to repair existing facilities. Minor upgrades from pressurizing the Gate5 line and adding a grease interceptor will improve sewer performance but not increase capacity or expand existing uses.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

signed by Lead Agency  
 signed by Applicant

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date received for filing at Marin County:** \_\_\_\_\_

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