



**TOWN OF PARADISE
Council Agenda Summary
Date: June 10, 2025**

Agenda No. 1

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SUBJECT: Paradise Sewer Project Update

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

1. None, written monthly update only.

Background:

This report is a monthly effort to provide additional opportunity for public engagement on the status and next steps of the Paradise Sewer Project.

Analysis:

Town staff and its consulting teams in conjunction with Town Council, DFA, SWRCB, and HCD continue the analysis of a reduced Sewer Service Area with a localized solution for wastewater treatment. The project's objectives remain unchanged—providing a sustainable wastewater solution for the Paradise community.

Main Accomplishments

- Continued to progress the project alternatives analysis including hydraulic model analysis and cost estimates.
- Supported Town staff and officials' trip to Washington DC to meet with government officials to advocate for the project.
- Submitted a \$2,000,000 request through Congressman LaMalfa's Office to draw down a \$50,000,000 authorization within the US Army Corps of Engineers 219 Environmental Infrastructure Program.
- Met with Butte College to learn about their wastewater treatment infrastructure.
- Met with the Sewer Project Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the project status and key decisions including arranging for field tours of various treatment systems including:
 - STEP systems for collection
 - Biological options for treatment
 - Advanced Membrane Bioreactor options for treatment
 - Surface water discharge for dispersal
 - Land application for dispersal
 - Beneficial reuse for dispersal (where available)
- Met with the CVWQCB staff to discuss the anticipated requirements for treated wastewater effluent discharge at various locations on or near the ridge.
- Continued support for finding and evaluating all project funding options.

Key Activities (One Month Look-Ahead)

- Tour similar wastewater collection and treatment facilities in Northern California with Town Staff and members of the Town Council Sewer Project Ad Hoc Committee.

- Ad Hoc Committee will be holding focused workshops on collection system alternatives, wastewater treatment process alternatives, and discharge alternatives to lead into a formal recommendation to the community and Council.
- Schedule next community meeting as a Special Town Council meeting in July to review an Ad Hoc Committee recommendation before a second Town Special Council Meeting in August for a project recommendation.