



City of Oceanside

300 North Coast Highway,
Oceanside, California 92054

Staff Report

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Water Utilities Department

TITLE: **APPROVE CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY WORK TO REPAIR THE 18-INCH MESA LOMA WATER MAIN AT LOMA ALTA CREEK**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council determine there remains a need to continue emergency work on the 18-inch Mesa Loma Water Main.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In January 2024, staff identified a leaking segment of the 18-inch Mesa Loma Water Main near Loma Alta Creek and activated the Mesa Loma Pump Station to maintain service.

Emergency permits were secured in early 2025 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, and NCTD. Cass Arrieta, the City's emergency contractor, began work in April 2025. Initial repairs addressed significant damage to the pipeline within the creek, and subsequent inspections revealed additional deficiencies in multiple joints near the initial repair site.

To address these, staff revised the repair strategy to install a trenchless, high-pressure liner. Advantage Reline, Inc., commenced work in late August 2025 and completed the installation of the liner on September 19, 2025. Cass Arrieta provided trench support, flushing, testing, and final tie-ins between the new liner and existing pipeline. All work is expected to be completed by September 30, 2025 under the City's emergency procurement policy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is from the Water Fixed Asset Replacement Fund (712), charged to the Water Pipeline Replacement Account 908163620712.

The current total estimated project cost is \$1,528,872, covering construction, rehabilitation, engineering, permitting, and support services.

Staff will return with a final report once final billing is received, including a full accounting of actual costs, and will recommend replenishing the Cass Arrieta emergency account by \$100,000 to maintain readiness for future emergencies.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

While the Project is located in an environmentally sensitive area, all required permits and notifications have been secured, and staff is coordinating with environmental consultants and regulatory agencies to ensure compliance and minimize impacts.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Utilities Commission was apprised of the project update at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2025.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Emergency procurements for public projects without competitive bidding are authorized according to the provisions of Section 28A.24 of the Oceanside City Code and California Public Contract Code Section 22050. The emergency action should be terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant so that the remainder of the work, if any, may be completed pursuant to the City's regular competitive bidding process.

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