



# STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

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**TITLE:** **Receive an Update on the Progress of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvements Project.**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive an update on the progress of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvements Project.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Staff will present an update on the progress of the construction of Phase I of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facilities (AWTF) Improvement Project as well as efforts to plan for future improvement phases for the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The City's primary purposes in pursuing the AWTF Phase I upgrade are to provide reliable service to the community now and in the future, replace aging critical infrastructure from the late 1980s, reconfigure to a single pass flow through the treatment facility and enhancement wetlands, and upgrade the disinfection system to ultraviolet light (UV) in order to continue to provide wastewater treatment while improving existing levels of regulatory compliance for the protection of water quality and public health. The project is of critical importance to meet current water quality standards, eliminate disinfection byproducts associated with chlorine disinfection, protect coastal resources, and produce a higher quality effluent for beneficial use within coastal habitats.

Construction was initiated in early 2023 on the Phase I project and is anticipated to continue through December 2025. The Phase I project is being funded by the State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the City's Wastewater Fund.