CITY OF EUREKA CALIFORNIA

**AGENDA SUMMARY**
**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL**

**TITLE:** Sewer Improvements 2026 - Award

**DEPARTMENT:** Engineering Department

**PREPARED BY:** Brittany Powell, Project Manager

**PRESENTED FOR:** ☒**Action** ☐**Information only** ☐**Discussion/Direction**

## RECOMMENDATION

1) Declare Mercer-Fraser Company the low bidder for Bid No. 2027-2, Sewer Improvements 2026;
2) Award Bid No. 2027-2 to Mercer-Fraser Company for the amount of $794,820.00; and
3) Approve $1,000,000.00 for the construction, which includes approximately 20% contingency.

## FISCAL IMPACT

☐No Fiscal Impact ☒Included in Budget ☐Additional Appropriation

## COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

- Health and Safety – Upgrade critical infrastructure in all neighborhoods to meet modern safety and health standards.

## DISCUSSION

The Sewer Improvements 2026 project consists of replacing the currently undersized 6" PVC sewer main with new 8" HDPE sewer main. The section being replaced is within the right of way on W Harris Street between Oregon and Albee Streets. Upsizing this critical section of sewer main will reduce chances of overflow.

This project was put out to bid under the City's formal bid process and was advertised in Times Standard on August 16, 2026. Four bids were received and opened on September 10, 2026. Staff reviewed and evaluated the bids and determined the lowest responsible bid to be in conformance with project requirements. Mercer-Fraser company's proposal was determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bid.

Staff recommends that Council award construction of the Sewer Improvements 2026 Project, Bid No. 2027-2, to Mercer-Fraser Company for the amount of $794,820.00, and approve $1,000,000.00 for the construction, which includes a contingency of approximately 20%.

| | Mercer-Fraser Company | GR Sundberg, Inc. | Wahlund Construction, Inc. | McCullough Construction |
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| Base Bid: | $794,820.00 | $845,046.00 | $868,110.00 | $1,162,650.54 |

The City of Eureka, as the Lead Agency, has determined the proposed project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Lead Agency has further determined that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA in accordance with §15301, Existing Facilities, Class I, of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed project qualifies for this exemption because it involves the replacement and maintenance of sewer laterals with no expansion of use. The Lead Agency further ensures that each location is not barred by one of the exemptions set forth in §15300.2 of the CEQA guidelines.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

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| ☒City Attorney | ☒City Clerk/Information Services |
| ☐Development Services | ☒Finance |
| ☐Fire | ☐Parks and Recreation |
| ☐Personnel | ☐Police |
| ☐Public Works | ☒Engineering |