



Staff Report

TO: City Council

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SUBJECT: Follow-Up Report – Local State of Emergency – Sewer Mainline Failure and Emergency Repairs in Fairway Canyon

Description This staff report serves as a follow-up on the declared local emergency due to the sewer mainline failure in Fairway Canyon and provides an update on emergency response efforts, expenditures, and projected timelines for resolution.

Background and Analysis:

On March 3, 2025, City staff were notified of a major sewer mainline failure in the Fairway Canyon community, caused by slope erosion behind Hogan Drive homes. The incident led to a manhole collapse and subsequent 15-inch sewer mainline failure, resulting in a raw sewage spill and the need for emergency response measures.

On March 4, City Council adopted a Resolution titled, “A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Beaumont Declaring A Local Emergency And Authorizing The City Manager To Take Necessary Action”, which authorized emergency expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, directed staff to provide ongoing reports at each subsequent City Council meeting under California Public Contract Code Section 22050, and authorize the City Manager to take all necessary actions to mitigate further damage and ensure public health and safety.

Current Contractors for the Sewer Main Line Repairs

Current contractors assisting with the emergency repairs are as followed:

- **Weaver Grading** – General Contractor
 - **Subcontractor:** Manhole Builders
 - **Subcontractor:** Spiess Pipeline Contractor
- **CKC (Charles King Company)** – Bypass Pumps & Equipment

Current Emergency Actions

The current emergency actions taken by both staff and City contractors are listed below:

- **Weaver Grading** mobilized immediately to stabilize the slope.

- **CKC** provided bypass pumps to prevent further sewage overflow.
- Large debris, including massive soil chunks, continues to fall from the eroded slope.
- Walking paths in the affected area remain closed to the public.
- Fueling and pressure checks are ongoing to maintain bypass operations.
- Engineering consultants, including geotechnical specialists, have been engaged to evaluate long-term solutions.

Updated Photos of the Emergency Site



Figure 1 – Culvert



Figure 2 – Erosion



Figure 3 – Bypass Excavator

Projected Emergency Timeline

Due to ongoing rain and pending decisions regarding final repair options, the estimated time to fully address the emergency is approximately **4-6 weeks**. This timeline is subject to change based on site conditions and weather impacts.

Fiscal Impact:

The full financial impact of emergency repairs is still being assessed. Expenditures incurred so far primarily involve bypass pumping, equipment, and fuel. Staff is tracking labor and material costs to determine total expenses. A future budget amendment for the Wastewater Fund may be required to ensure funding for continued emergency response and repairs.

The estimated expenditures as of March 13, 2025:

- Fuel for bypass pumps: \$800
- Miscellaneous equipment: \$700
- Bypass pumps (projected one-month cost): \$20,000

- Weaver Grading: \$9,000

The cost of preparing this staff report is estimated to be \$300.

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to return at the next Council meeting with a follow-up report on emergency response efforts, expenditures, and timeline updates.