



Staff Report

TO: City Council

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DATE: April 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Follow-Up Report No. 2 – Local State of Emergency – Sewer Mainline Failure and Emergency Repairs in Fairway Canyon, Adopt a Resolution to Re-Ratify the Declared State of Local Emergency

Description Local emergency due to the sewer mainline failure in Fairway Canyon.

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, 2025, 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 authorized the City Manager to take all necessary actions to mitigate further damage and ensure public health and safety.

On March 18, 2025, staff brought a follow-up status report regarding the emergency repairs in Fairway Canyon. No action was taken, but updated pictures were provided, along with an estimated amount of \$21,000 that has been expended.

Staff has recently processed two requisitions: one with Weaver Grading Inc. for \$389,500 and one with Charles King Co. for \$40,000 for a total of \$429,500. Staff has also spent \$2,601 on fuel needed for the bypass pump, along with miscellaneous equipment needed to address this emergency. The costs are displayed in the table below:

Expenditures as of March 27, 2025	Amount
Fuel for bypass pumps	\$ 1,307.00
Miscellaneous equipment	\$ 1,294.00
Charles King (Bypass pumps)	\$ 40,000.00
Weaver Grading	\$ 389,500.00
Total	\$ 432,101.00

Below are updated photos from the worksite with progress being made to address the emergency:



Figure 1 - Completed manhole cover located by the sand trap



Figure 2 - Location for the Second Manhole

Fiscal Impact:

The full financial impact of the emergency repairs is still being evaluated. To date, \$432,101 has been spent primarily on manhole construction, bypass pumping, equipment, and fuel.

Staff anticipates that expenses will continue to rise over the next 2–3 weeks, surpassing the originally approved budget of \$500,000. Therefore, the City Manager is requesting an additional \$500,000 in funding, bringing the total allocation for this emergency repair to \$1,000,000.

Labor and material costs are being tracked to identify further expenses. A future budget amendment may be necessary to support ongoing emergency response and repair efforts.

The estimated cost to prepare this staff report is \$300.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont Extending the Declaration of a Local Emergency and Authorizing the City Manager to Take Necessary Action”, and

Increase the spending authority of the City Manager by \$500,000 for a grand total of \$1,000,000 to be used to address this emergency sewer mainline failure.

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

Attachments:

- A. Resolution Re-ratifying State of Emergency