



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

July 21, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Council Members: Chuck Reynolds, Scott Thomson (**absent**), Tracy Johnstone, Janet Goodson, Shawn Webber, Vice Mayor Eric Smith, Mayor David Pittman

CLOSED SESSION

The Council held a Closed Session on the following:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), the Council met with the Personnel Officer to discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluations. Position Title: Department Heads and Contract Employees.
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, the Council met with Labor Negotiators and City Attorney to discuss labor negotiations for the following represented groups: All Units.
3. The City Council met for a Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d): (two (2) cases).
4. The City Council met to confer regarding Real Property Negotiations under Government Code § 54956.8:
 1. Property: 012-061-001; 012-061-009; 012-061-010; 012-061-018 Negotiator(s): Brian Ring, City Administrator, David Ritchie, Asst. City Attorney. Negotiating Parties: Pioneer Collision Center. Under Negotiation: price.

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Raquel Noland.

OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement from Closed Session – No reportable action taken; direction given to staff.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Council Member Johnstone.
3. Corrections/Changes to the Agenda – Item 13: Please note staff will add a note on the bottom of page 33 of the Fee Schedule noting that “Sewer Collection Fees were approved through a fee study and 218 process in 2024, approved by the Council through a public hearing on June 2, 2024.”
4. Recusals – See vote on item number(s) 9-12.

5. Adoption of Agenda –

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Council Member Johnstone

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. BLESSINGS PLAQUE FOR CITY COUNCIL

Ron La Gatta of Raven Ministries presented each Oroville City Council Member a Blessings Plaque. The Council received this presentation for information.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Rhonda Magnusson, Bill Williams, Natalie Sheard, The CameraMan, and Shane Gower.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports:

Mayor Pittman: Stated a PG&E workshop will be happening at the Southside Community Center on the 22nd of July from 11AM-2PM. Additionally, he mentioned a groundbreaking ceremony at the Afterbay on July 24th from 10AM-12AM.

Council Member Reynolds: Stated an ad hoc committee is required to be formed based on the Grand Jury report.

Council Member Johnstone: Reminded the public about a community meeting on the Airport Zoning Project on Wednesday 7/29 at 5PM.

2. Administration Reports

Brian Ring, City Administrator: DWR will be doing gravel replacement for the salmon spawning from north of the green bridge to north of Bedrock Park. Mr. Ring met with our federal lobbyists and staff are looking into potentially applying for a law enforcement grant to help with staffing in the Police Department. The lobbyists are working on the earmark process. The ATP grant that the City applied for requires match funding. Core sampling on the levy will be needed. State legislation is in recess, but staff is currently watching the bill regarding reform of the PRA process. The pension reform bill is also being watched.

Jason Wines, Chief of Police: Reminded the public that what they see online or on social media is not always the truth. There is information circulating regarding the flock cameras. Because of this, there will be a town hall meeting on August 11th at the Police Department from 5:30PM-7:30PM/ National Night Out is scheduled for August 4 at 4:30PM at Hewitt Park. On July 23 Chief Wines and Lt. Johnson will be going to Sacramento with Officer Moreno to recognize Moreno receiving an award. At the next Council meeting there will be a swearing in of new officers.

Tim Kaber, Director of Public Works: See attached report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1 - 5** were adopted in one action by the Council.

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Council Member Johnstone

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

1. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LAKE OROVILLE AREA GARDEN CLUB FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OROVILLE**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9470 recognizing and commending the Lake Oroville Garden Club for its outstanding volunteer service, beautification efforts, and enduring contributions to the City of Oroville.

2. **2024 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION**

The City Council authorized the submittal of an application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2024 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for First Time Homebuyer (FTHB) and Owner-occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) activities (\$500,000 FTHB and \$500,000 OOR).

In addition, Council may approved revising the 2025 HOME Program Income Only grant application and resolution that was approved by Council on December 16, 2025, to include both FTHB and OOR and to increase the overall application from \$2,000,000 to \$2,022,636. The Council did this by adopting Resolution Nos. 9471 and 9427.

3. **ADOPTION OF HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) OWNER-OCCUPIED (OOR) REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

The City Council authorized the adoption of the HOME Program Guidelines for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan Program by adopting Resolution No. 9472.

4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NHA ADVISORS, LLC FOR CONTINUED FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES

The City Council renewed of the professional services agreement (A-3591) with NHA Advisors, LLC, for financial advisor services.

5. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 7, 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of the July 7, 2026 City Council meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. OROVERDE ENERGY INITIATIVE UPDATE

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Bonita Malone, Jeremy Webster, Linda Draper, Brian Wong, Daniel Webster (electronic).

Staff have continued evaluating opportunities to provide competitively priced energy within the City through the newly created OroVerde public utility. Following technical and financial analyses conducted by NewGen Solutions, staff has concluded that development of a traditional municipal electric utility utilizing existing transmission and distribution infrastructure or by installing new parallel lines is not financially feasible in current markets where electricity is currently being provided by an Investor-Owned Utility (IOU), under current market and regulatory conditions. The Council received and filed the update regarding the OroVerde Energy Initiative.

7. AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS RECREATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR FACILITY RENTAL AND PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES

The City Council instructed staff to bring this item back at a later date with more information.

8. APPOINTMENT OF A THREE-MEMBER AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT RESPONSE TO 2025/26 BUTTE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT

The City Council appointed three Council Members to work with City Administrator and City Attorney in the development of a draft response to the findings and recommendations of the 2025/26 Butte County Grand Jury report related to the City of Oroville. The Council Members selected for this were Vice Mayor Smith, Council Member Goodson, and Council Member Reynolds. This was done by general consensus.

9. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED BENEFIT**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, ZONES 1, 2, 3, 4, 6-8**

The City Council initiated proceedings, preliminarily approving the Annual Assessment Report and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for the Oroville Consolidated Benefit Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2026/27. This was done by adopting Resolution No. 9473 and authorizing any necessary budget adjustments to be annual assessment report. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Webber

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

10. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED BENEFIT**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, ZONES 5 AND 9**

The City Council initiated proceedings, preliminarily approving the Annual Assessment Report and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for the Oroville Consolidated Benefit Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2026/27. This was done by adopting Resolution No. 9474 and authorizing any necessary budget adjustments to the annual assessment report. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Vice Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: Council Member Johnstone

11. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, ZONES 1, 4, 6, 13, 16 and 18

The City Council initiated proceedings, preliminarily approving the Annual Assessment Report and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for the Oroville Consolidated Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2026/27. This was done by adopting Resolution No. 9475 and authorizing any necessary budget adjustments to the annual assessment report. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Webber

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: Council Member Reynolds, Vice Mayor Smith

12. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, ZONES 2, 3, 5, 7-12, 14, 15 AND 17

The City Council initiated proceedings, preliminarily approving the Annual Assessment Report and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for the Oroville Consolidated Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2026/27. This was done by adopting Resolution No. 9476 and authorizing any necessary budget adjustments to the annual assessment report. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Vice Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. 5:00PM - UPDATE OF USER AND REGULATORY FEES

Opened at: 5:44PM

Closed at: 5:49PM

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Walt McNeill

The City Council conducted a public hearing adopted Resolution No. 9477 updating and establishing user and regulatory fees by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Reynolds

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

14. 5:00PM - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1899 AMENDING OROVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE 17.48 WITH A NEW ENTREPRENEUR-FRIENDLY FEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Opened at: 5:54PM

Closed at: 6:08PM

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Natalie Sheard.

The City Council conducted a public hearing and waived the first reading of the ordinance and instructed staff to bring this ordinance back for formal adoption. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Reynolds

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Johnstone, Goodson, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items – Council Member Johnstone may need to vacate her seat on Council due to a residence relocation. This may come as a future agenda item.
2. Correspondence
 - i. 2nd Quarter 2026 - Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District Newsletter
 - ii. Housing and Community Services Monthly Report – June 2026
 - iii. Butte County Airport Zoning Alignment Project Correspondence

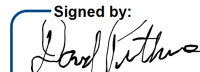
ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM.

Signed by:

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Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

Signed by:

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David Pittman, Mayor

CITY OF OROVILLE



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

June – July 2026

Prepared by: Tim, Cody, Jamie, Wade, and Nancy

Date: 07/21/2026

This monthly newsletter highlights key activities in each Public Works division with visuals and brief updates.

Misc. Notes:

- Continuing making changes and working on new Website
- Continuing to work through requests via 311 system
 - 35 requests submitted during reporting period
 - 15 open (Tree cleanup, broken sidewalks, missing road signs)

Airport Division

Operations:

- Extensive work and coordination with the legal team and City Administrator regarding current and upcoming ground lease expirations (ongoing).
- Worked with Butte County Assessor and ground lease tenant regarding unpaid property tax assessment concerns
- Completed lease documents for DMV / CDL test area on Chuck Yeager Way and submitted to State of California
- Vegetation management on BCMVCD taxiway and plans for internal crack seal work
- Continued work on ALP update
- Prepared and submitted additional FAA grant drawdown packages for AIP028, AIP029, and AIP030.
- Coordination with Butte County General Services for airport area property re-zoning meeting
- Extensive vegetation management / flail mowing all runway and taxiway edges and Luma Curves, areas near Graphic Packaging (ongoing)
- Coordination with / support Cal Fire burning operations throughout airport property
- Updated DOT logs
- Performed tests on fuel island backup power generation system
- Accept and test 8,000 gallon load of Jet A
- Accept and test 6,000 gallon load of 100LL aviation gasoline
- **Fuel Sales:**
 - 1,822 gallons of AvGas sold (69 transactions)
 - 1,125 gallons of Jet A sold (11 transactions)
 - 837 gallons of Jet A sold from the fuel truck (1 transaction)

Maintenance:

- Daily Lighting Inspections
- Daily OFD inspections

Projects:

- Long term ground lease proposals / options

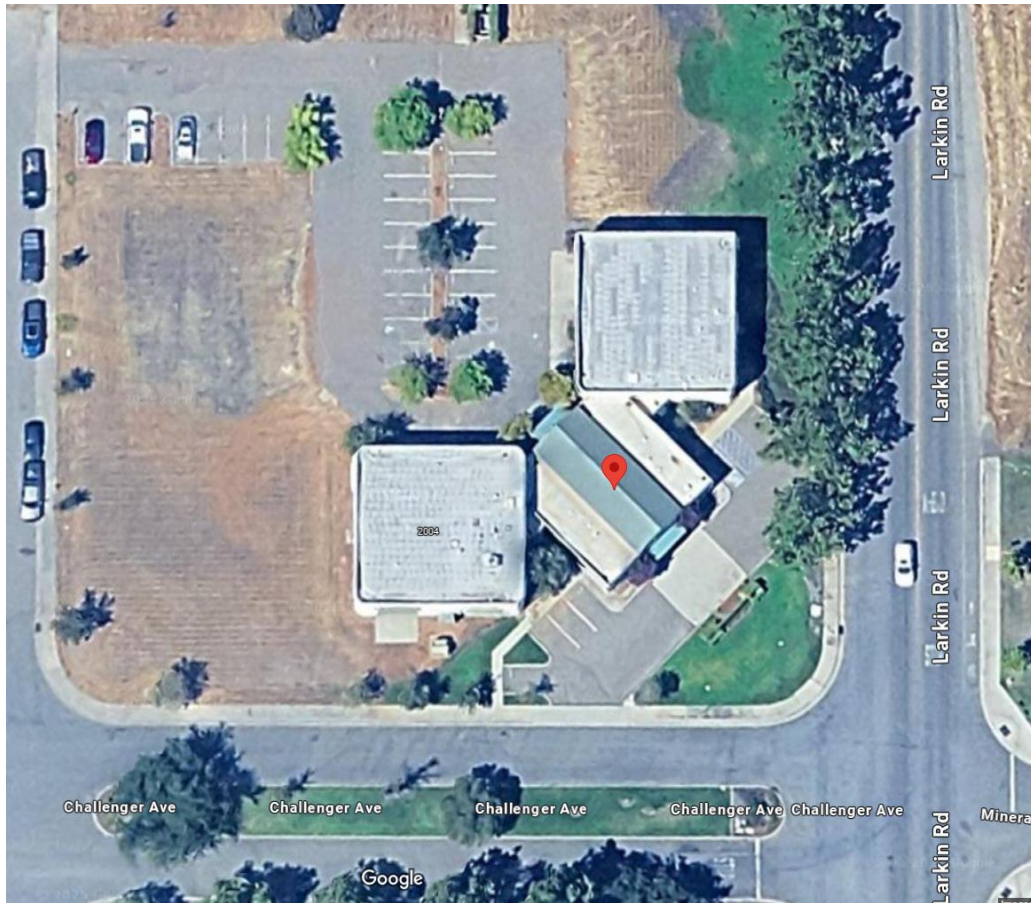
- Reached out to other local airports regarding their policies on ground leases / reversions



2000 Challenger Avenue Update

Draft contract is in review by Staff. Anticipate presenting to Council 2nd meeting in August for award.

The design will be complete prior to the anticipated CBDG deadline in the 2027 cycle.



Hewitt Park Update

Work not yet scheduled:

- Parking Lot lights – Installation will begin July 22nd
- Final invoice received, which will allow for submission of final reimbursement request from the state

Parks Commission has asked to review the rental periods for the pavillion. They will also review the scheduling of the athletic courts.

Corporation Yard Update

Contractor: United Building Contractors (UBC)

Architect: Studio W

Phase II contract award: April 21, 2026

Amount: \$1,747,985.00.

Discussion:

Design phase ongoing. Design phase will last approx. 4 months, after which construction will begin.

Expect construction to begin in late September. Field office will be placed by end of August.

Bedrock Park

Contract Award Date: April 15, 2025

Contractor: Melton Design Group, Inc.

Contract Amount: \$103,175

Project Phasing:

- ✓ Task 1 – Project Launch and Coordination
- ✓ Task 2 – Site Analysis, Topographic Survey, Base Development
- ✓ Task 3 – Master Plan, Program Development, Cost Analysis
- Task 4 – Design Development to 50% (Phase 1 only) - Current phase in execution
- Task 5 – Construction Drawings, Specs, Submittals (Phase 1 Only)
- Task 6 – Bid and Construction Administration (Phase 1 Only)

South Oroville Drainage Improvements

Project is moving forward with American Engineering. They are focusing their attention on Greenville and the culvert issue there and the right-of-way needed for drainage and street improvements on Elgin and Fort Wayne. Greenville Drainage Plans complete, working on Specification package. Working through property ownership and construction easements on the far West end of Greenville.

Greenville culvert repair will be a priority prior to the next rainy season.

Washington and Table Mountain Complete Streets Project

Project is underway with Mark Thomas. 60% Design was submitted and is currently under review.

Information regarding the project is now posted on the City's website at [City Projects | Oroville, CA.](#)

ATP Grant package was submitted to the state on June 22nd, with receipt confirmation.

Estimated project cost is \$65.4M. The ATP grant requires a 20% match, which is \$13.7M. This match can be achieved via CMAQ, local, and/or earmarks. BCAG has stated they will work with us should the need arise.



Norton Street Repave Project

Project final design will be submitted by EOM July.

Anticipate award in September with a 45 work-day schedule for completion prior to rainy season.

CalWater is currently relocating water lines prior to construction contract award.

Acacia and Orange

Design for a Roundabout will start in Fall 2026 provided CMAQ funds awarded. Anticipate \$1M in CMAQ funding once federally approved.

Lincoln Street/Boulevard Project

ATP Grant package was submitted to the state on June 22nd, with receipt confirmation.

Grant is for bike paths, sidewalk closures, and possible roundabouts at Wyandotte and Myers. This project compliments a County complete streets project south of City Limits.

Staff is also pursuing CMAQ funding for feasibility and design activities.

Estimated project cost is \$22.5M. The ATP grant requires a 20% match, which is \$5.4M. This match can be achieved via CMAQ, local, and/or earmarks.

We will need to work on setting aside road funds - \$3.5M already received.



Streets and Storm Drain Division

During June, the Streets Division continued essential roadway maintenance, public safety support, and interdepartmental assistance throughout the City of Oroville. Crews completed major asphalt and concrete repair projects, vegetation management, traffic control improvements, and ongoing public safety cleanups. Seasonal fire-prevention work and annual alley maintenance also began this month.

Key Accomplishments in June

Ehmann Property Demolition and Grading

Completed demolition activities at the Ehmann Property in support of Oroville Police Department (OPD) operations



Fire Break Construction

Constructed fire breaks using the motor grader at multiple locations citywide, including areas surrounding the Oroville Airport, as part of seasonal wildfire-prevention efforts.



Roadside Herbicide Spraying

Conducted targeted roadside weed and vegetation control to maintain right-of-way visibility and reduce fire fuel loads.

Staff Training

Multiple employees attended training sessions focused on safety standards, equipment operation, and refresher certifications.

Asphalt Grinding & Paving – Highlands Blvd

Installed 102 tons of hot-mix asphalt.

Total paved/rehabilitated area: 12,120 square feet.

Work included grinding, compaction, and full site restoration.



Concrete Repairs

Poured 4 cubic yards of concrete for sidewalk repairs and sinkhole remediation at various locations.



Traffic Markings & Painting

Completed repainting at multiple sites, including:

Crosswalks, STOP legends, Directional arrows



Street Sweeping

Continued routine street sweeping throughout the city, removing debris and improving roadway appearance and safety.

Hewitt Park Parking Lot

Repainted and re-striped the Hewitt Park parking lot, implementing a new One-Way traffic flow system to improve circulation and public safety.



Road Reflectors Installation

Installed new roadway reflectors on Highlands Blvd for enhanced night-time visibility.



Blinking Crosswalk Installation – Washington Avenue

Installed new blinking pedestrian crosswalk systems to improve pedestrian safety and vehicle awareness.



Annual Alley Work & Cleanup Program

Initiated seasonal alley grading, trash removal, and vegetation cleanup throughout priority neighborhoods.



Code Enforcement Assistance

Assisted Code Enforcement with homeless camp removals using the front-end loader, including debris clearing and site restoration.



Service Requests & Work Orders

Common requests: potholes, vegetation trimming, street painting, debris removal, and sidewalk issues.

Staffing & Resources

Trainings attended: 811 Safe Excavations, Sidewalk Trip Hazards

Equipment utilized: motor grader, front-end loader, skid steer, back hoe, striping equipment, sweepers, dump trucks, asphalt grinder.

The month of June was busy for the Parks Department. Personnel were busy preparing for a wedding at the Lott Home, events in parks every weekend and performing major sprinkler repairs. We cleaned, prepped, and overseen 25 reservations in the parks. We cleaned parks and green areas 4 days a week. We cleaned public restrooms daily. We continued our 102 hours out of 168 hours in a week coverage for a wide range of assignments. We mowed on a routine basis.

Tree Department

The Tree Division pruned 106 trees in the month of June. The Tree Crew responded to numerous 311 inquiries. They also stump grinded in numerous locations. They also watered street trees 40 hours a week.

Hewitt Park

- 15 Reservations (2 of which were for the pickle ball courts)
- Performed weekly pressure washing of park sidewalks, splash pad, shade structure and trash can areas
- Removed a few small areas of lawn closest to the splash pad and installed 4-6 in cobble to try and help reduce the amount of mud getting into the system
- The YMCA has been enjoying the park a few days a week for their summer programs
- At the end of the month, we took over maintenance of the new landscaping in the park
- Still spending 45-50 hours a week opening, cleaning, and maintaining the park. Since we took over the landscaping, crew hours will probably increase.
- Irrigation costs are a little over \$3000 a month and chemicals for the splash pad are running around \$900



Lott Home

- Wedding preparations: staff pulled weeds, trimmed hedges and plants hanging over walkways
- We also had a major sprinkler line break under the sidewalk. Thanks to the help of the Street Crew, we were able to saw cut and jack hammer the section of walkway out of the way so that we could successfully make the repair and get the system back working properly.



Hammon Park

- 5 reservations

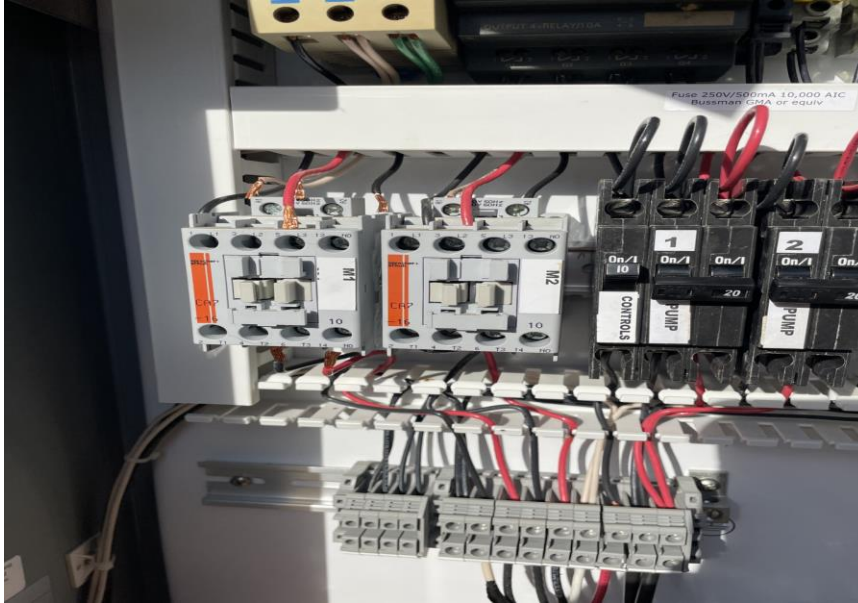
Rotary Park

- 4 reservations
- Park employees responded to water gushing from a valve box and determined the leak was coming from a broken fitting on the main line. Repairs were performed and water was restored to the park in a timely manner.
- Museum Assistant facilitated a volunteer workshop about research resources (May 2).
- Museum Assistant, as representative of the Chinese Temple, will participate in Ophir Elementary's Multicultural Day (May 21)
- Museum Assistant and Cultural Facilities Curator to host a 4th grade field trip at the Feather River Nature Center (May 29).
- Continued public and private tours, including two docent and staff-led private tours of the Chinese Temple.

💡 Electrical Division

The month of June the electrical department facilitated the routine maintenance on traffic signals and streetlights. The electrical crew repaired several streetlights this month, with some being wire theft and others being faulty fixture heads. Electrical crew also repaired a faulty relay and contactor at Orangewood lift station. Moved a light fixture and electrical outlet as well as fixed subpar electrical work in attic at P.D. for a wall to be moved in the I.T. Department.



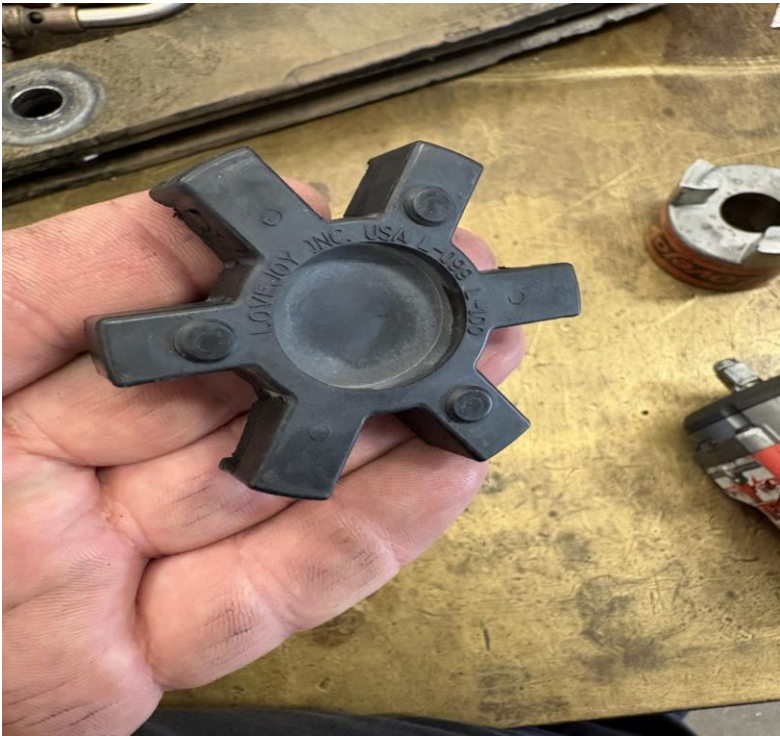


Fleet Division

Operations:

In the month of June, the fleet department repaired/serviced 21 Police vehicles - 22 Street/Parks vehicles – 4 Code enforcement vehicles – 11 Sewer vehicles – 2 fleet department vehicles for a total of 60.







Sewer Division

In the month of June sewer crews cleaned 23,564 = 4.4 miles of city sewer main. CCTV inspected 5,035 FT = .95 miles of city sewer main. Assisted SCOR with repairing the force main air relief valve covers on Feather River Blvd.



Conducted lift station inspections.



Conducted Quarterly Vac and cleaning of lift station wetwells.







Greased the centrifugal pumps at Olive Glen lift station.





Mandatory 3-year training for Forklift. Sewer, Fleet, Electrical departments





Closed Session public comment on #4

OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 21, 2026 MEETING

RE: ALLEY ABANDONMENT AB26-01

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE FINAL APPROVAL OF OUR ALLEY ABANDONMENT APPLICATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE THAT THIS ALLEY IS NOT A TRUE ALLEY WAY- THERE HAS BEEN A BRICK WALL THAT BLOCKS OFF THE END TO 780 MONTGOMERY STREET PROPERTY (CURRENT VACANT LOT), THERE IS NO APN - PROPERTY TAXES/FEE'S PAID ON PARCEL, HAS NOT BEEN MAINTAINED/ SERVICED OR UPKEPT BY ANY CITY ENTITY FOR OVER 60YRS. THE LAND/ PROPERTY IS PARTIAL DIRT/ WORN ASPHALT AND CLOSED OFF VIA A SECURITY GATE & FENCING TO PREVENT ACCESS TO BACKSIDE OFF MONTGOMERY PROPERTIES (GOLD CITY MARKET/ SYNDICATE CYLES/ 780 MONTGOMERY EMPTY LOT) AND BACKSIDE OF SAFFORD PROPERTY (PIONEER COLLISION). WE HAVE AND CURRENTLY UPKEEP PARCEL AND REMOVE WEEDS FROM PROPERTY. CURRENT USE IS FOR SCRAP METAL WAITING TO BE HAULED OFF/ STORAGE OF TRASH BINS/ OVERFLOW VEHICLE PARKING.

OUR CURRENT PAYMENT OUTLAYS FOR ALLEY ABANDONMENT:

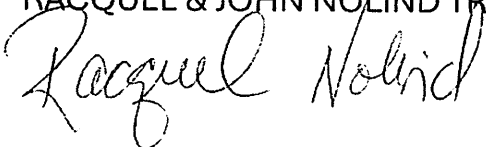
CITY OF OROVILLE PLANNING \$1358.00
EVANS FUN WORKS- PROPERTY ADMIN/ RESEARCH TO PROVIDE APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION TO CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT \$1030.00
JOHNSON LAND SURVEYING- PLAT & LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF ALLEY PARCEL \$1200.00
MID VALLEY TITLE-ESCROW DEPOSIT \$500.00

PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING TO FINALIZE ALLEY ABANDONMENT:

FINAL CITY OF OROVILLE PLANNING FEES?
FINAL ESCROW FEES?
COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX FEES?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION ON OUR ALLEY ABANDONMENT APPLICATION FOR FINAL/ ADDITIONAL FEES.

RACQUEL & JOHN NOLIND TRUST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Racquel Noland", written over the printed name.

General public comment on non-agenda item.

Good afternoon. My name is Bill Williams, and I'm here to ask questions about Oroville's awareness and oversight of surveillance data sharing and data retention connected to Flock cameras.

First: Transparency and Controls. If Oroville deploys or has deployed Flock, what exact settings or sharing options are enabled—such as any 'national' or cross-agency lookup capability—and who is responsible for approving them? I'm asking for a clear description of what Oroville has allowed in practice, not just what is intended on paper.

Second: Retention. What is the city's data retention policy for Flock-derived information—how long data or matches are stored, and what is deleted when retention ends? Also, if Flock is the vendor controlling any logs or vendor-side records, do we know whether Flock retains sufficient records to let the city verify what access occurred and when?

Third: Accountability. After a deployment or any configuration change, what audits or reporting does Oroville conduct? And if residents request information—through public records requests or internal review—what documentation exists to confirm whether data sharing happened within approved boundaries?

I want to reference a concrete example from another California city: Mountain View said it discovered that federal agencies accessed its Flock ALPR data through a 'nationwide' search setting that was enabled without its permission or knowledge, and it also reported system-control problems with 'statewide' access. Mountain View further stated it was unclear what searches resulted in sharing partly because vendor retention of records was limited for that period.

My question for Oroville is simple: are we confident that our system configuration prevents out-of-bound data sharing, and are we able to verify access and outcomes afterward—especially given retention limits?

I appreciate the work the city does on public safety. I'm asking for clear answers at the next meeting, and at that ten-minute session I'll propose specific questions, documentation requests, and safeguards. Thank you.

connie mabone
mayor Pittman

info on dioxin education .org

Dioxin Education Committee (DEC)

Talking Points: Proposed Biomass Facilities in South Oroville

cited sources

2 yrs research sources

Mission Statement

The Dioxin Education Committee (DEC) is sounding the alarm for the citizens of Oroville and Butte County regarding two proposed biomass energy facilities slated for historically contaminated land in South Oroville. The environmental and public health risks associated with these projects are profound, yet development is progressing with critical questions left unanswered and minimal public awareness. The DEC firmly maintains that all project operations must be halted immediately until rigorous, transparent, and independent evaluations are conducted.

Key Talking Points

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biomass construction

Mike Gen

① Environmental Justice Concerns

- **Inequitable Pollution Burden:** The placement of these gasification plants directly violates the Environmental Justice policies outlined in the Butte County General Plan 2040 by imposing an excessive, inequitable pollution burden on historically disadvantaged and low-income neighborhoods in South Oroville.[^1]
- **Superfund Site Reactivation:** The proposed sites—the former "POPI" biomass facility and the Koppers facility on South 5th Avenue—are federally designated toxic Superfund sites.[^2] District Attorney Mike Ramsey has noted that these areas contain severe dioxin soil contamination, presenting immediate public health hazards if disturbed or reactivated. Given existing health disparities, South Oroville represents one of the least suitable locations for an emissive industrial project. *porcine cancer clusters*
- **Violation of State CAP Mandates:** The state-mandated Community Air Protection Program (CAP Program) explicitly requires local air districts to partner with community members, local governments, and grassroots organizations to reduce air pollution emissions and exposure in heavily impacted neighborhoods.
- **Failure of Local Governance:** Under the Butte County General Plan 2040, the county commits to reducing unique and compounded health risks within designated Community Opportunity Zones (including Palermo, South Oroville, and Thermalito). To date, the Oroville City Council has failed to demonstrate meaningful public efforts to implement or uphold these legally binding environmental justice goals.

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② Economic Impact and Subsidies

- **Vanishing Subsidies:** Biomass energy generation is economically non-viable without heavy public subsidizing. Crucially, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is winding down its primary biomass subsidy framework, the BioMAT program, with standard procurement avenues scheduled to cease.[^3] State policy is increasingly shifting away from biomass, recognizing it as an inefficient, costly liability.
- **Inflated Utility Costs:** Because biomass electricity is exceptionally expensive to produce, its integration threatens consumers with inflated utility bills. Furthermore, Oroville residents may

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bear the secondary legal and administrative costs of navigating complex utility infrastructure agreements with PG&E to utilize existing grid networks. Proponents have provided no verifiable evidence that this project will lower local energy costs. *name costs*

3. Local Transportation and Infrastructure

Continuous Diesel Traffic: Operation of these facilities would introduce thousands of heavy-duty diesel trucks moving through local corridors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This continuous traffic will generate severe localized air and noise pollution while accelerating structural wear on municipal and county roadways, leaving local taxpayers to cover the repair costs.

4. Forest Management, Deforestation, and Feedstock Creep

Flawed Wildfire Logic: Scientific data demonstrates that forest thinning cannot stop extreme, wind-driven wildfires, which are heavily exacerbated by climate change. In many cases, aggressive thinning alters microclimates—making forests hotter, drier, and more wind-prone—which can paradoxically cause fires to burn faster and more intensely.[^4]

Ecological Alternatives: When wood management is necessary for public safety, ecological alternatives such as mulching, converting residues to wood shavings, or controlled biomass burial are far more sustainable.

Misallocated Funding: The destructive Los Angeles area fires of January 2026 occurred primarily in shrublands and grasslands, underscoring that forest thinning is a highly flawed, over-funded framework for comprehensive wildfire safety. True community protection is best achieved via localized home hardening and halting new developments in high-risk zones.

The Risk of Feedstock Creep: Long-term feedstock availability remains a critical vulnerability. Project parameters indicate the feedstock would include freshly cut trees from forest thinning, not just dead wood, which accelerates deforestation. Once immediate local forest residues are depleted, these facilities risk pivoting toward "feedstock creep," including the thermal processing of agricultural waste.

5. Public Health and Groundwater Risks

Pre-Existing Health Vulnerabilities: Local health vulnerabilities are already acute. Butte County's overall cancer rates are estimated to be 14% higher than the California state average, with elevated rates for colorectal, pancreatic, and lung cancers.[^5]

Broad Medical Opposition: Leading public health organizations—including the American Lung Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, and the National Association of County and City Health Officials—strongly oppose biomass-to-energy technologies due to lifecycle emissions and pollutants.[^6]

Particulate Matter & Solid Waste Dangers: The overall operational footprint of a commercial gasification plant is a significant source of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and localized air pollution.[^7] These microscopic particles are released during the initial thermal breakdown of the biomass, extensive material handling, and necessary emergency syngas flaring. Once airborne, they travel deep into the lungs and bloodstream, triggering severe health conditions.

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Furthermore, most of the processed material is converted into concentrated solid waste, which can harbor heavy metals and require hazardous disposal.

- **Agricultural Waste Toxins:** Expanding fuel sources into agricultural waste introduces additional public dangers. Processing orchard waste, walnut shells, or animal manure risks aerosolizing concentrated residues from chemical fertilizers, heavy metals, and persistent pesticides during the thermal conversion lifecycle.
- **Feather River Watershed Threat:** The physical sites are located on highly porous river rock directly connected to the adjacent Feather River watershed. During seasonal flooding events, this geography presents a severe risk of sudden groundwater contamination from historically bound industrial toxins.

25' above water table

Conclusion

California already possesses scalable, cost-effective, and genuinely clean alternatives: solar energy, wind power, robust battery storage, and localized community home-hardening programs. Given the generational public health and environmental ramifications of this project, the Dioxin Education Committee ~~demands~~ an immediate suspension of all fast-tracked approvals to allow for a thorough, transparent review by independent experts and the general public.

WC recommendation

for Biomass Facilities

Sources & Footnotes

[^1]: **Butte County General Plan 2040 (Environmental Justice Element):** Outlines policies to address the needs of "Communities of Opportunity" and mitigate inequitable pollution burdens. [View General Plan Updates](#)

[^2]: **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** Superfund Record of Decision detailing the extensive soil and groundwater remediation for the Koppers Co. Inc. site in Oroville. [View EPA Record of Decision](#)

[^3]: **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) BioMAT Framework:** Regulatory actions signaling the wind-down of the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) program. [View RCRC BioMAT Report](#)

[^4]: **Flawed Wildfire Logic & Forest Thinning:** Environmental science consensus on altered microclimates and wind-driven fire intensity.

* [California Coastal Commission Public Works Plan Correspondence \(PDF\)](#)

* [Tomaes Bay State Park Forest Health Project Correspondence \(PDF\)](#)

[^5]: **Butte County Cancer Rates:** Statistical incidence rates compiling regional cancer burdens and lasting environmental contamination impacts.

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* [California State Cancer Profiles \(Incidence Rates\)](#)

* [Climate Change and Cancer Care: Disruptions, Disparities, and Strategies \(ASCO Publications\)](#)

[^6]: **Medical Opposition to Biomass:** Public health consensus and coalition documentation detailing the severe health risks of biomass energy production.

* [AAFA Signs-on to Letter about the Health Harms of Biomass \(PDF\)](#)

* [Medical Statements Opposing Biomass \(Energy Justice Network\)](#)

* [IRS Implementation of IRA - Comments by Lung Association and PSR \(PDF\)](#)

[^7]: **Biomass Gasification Lifecycle Emissions:** The broader gasification plant infrastructure—including wood processing, thermal breakdown, and syngas flaring—remains a documented source of particulate matter and criteria pollutants. [Assessment of the emissions and energy impacts of biomass and biogas use in California \(California Air Resources Board\)](#)

Formal Public Comment Submission

TO: Oroville City Clerk & Members of the Oroville City Council

FROM: The Dioxin Education Committee (DEC)

DATE: July 20, 2026

SUBJECT: URGENT PUBLIC INQUIRY – Item Regarding OroVerde Energy Initiative Update (Agenda Packet Pages 194–195) for the July 21, 2026 City Council Meeting

Dear City Clerk, Mayor, and Council Members,

The Dioxin Education Committee (DEC) is writing to formally request immediate public clarification regarding the "OroVerde Energy Initiative Update" scheduled for discussion at tomorrow's City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

According to the staff summary on pages 194 and 195 of the official agenda packet:

"Staff has identified an alternative path that may support economic development through the delivery of off-grid energy systems serving new greenfield development (new development/project). Staff is currently working with an energy provider and project developer to further evaluate this concept."

While we acknowledge NewGen Solutions' conclusion that a traditional parallel grid utility model is financially unfeasible, the pivot to an un-mapped "off-grid" system serving new greenfield developments raises critical regulatory, environmental, and public safety questions that must be addressed transparently before the City moves forward.

On behalf of the public interest and regional environmental safety, the DEC formally requests that City Staff and Council explicitly answer the following questions during tomorrow's presentation:

1. **Identity of Private Entities:** Who is the unnamed "energy provider" and who is the "project developer" currently collaborating with City staff on this alternative off-grid framework?
2. **Technological Specifications:** What specific technology will be utilized to generate power for these off-grid systems? Does this plan involve high-heat thermal processing, biomass gasification, or chemical thermolysis systems similar to other proposed projects in the South Oroville industrial corridor?
3. **Site Location:** Which specific "greenfield developments" or undeveloped parcels are currently being evaluated to host these off-grid energy systems?
4. **Environmental Oversight:** Will these off-grid systems bypass traditional regional infrastructure reviews, and how will the City ensure strict compliance with the Environmental Justice policies mandated by the *Butte County General Plan 2040*?

The citizens of Oroville have a right to full transparency regarding public utility partnerships, particularly when they involve localized energy generation infrastructure. We request that this inquiry be read into the official record and explicitly addressed by staff during the OroVerde update presentation.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to transparent governance.

Sincerely,

The Dioxin Education Committee (DEC)

Oroville, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT on Item #13

McNeillLawOffices
CIVIL LITIGATION & APPEALS

July 20, 2026

OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers

1735 Montgomery Street

Oroville, CA 95965

by Email: publiccomment@cityoforoville.org

Comment and objection submitted to the Oroville City Council at its regular meeting of July 21, 2026, for consideration on its Agenda Item No. 13, entitled "UPDATE OF USER AND REGULATORY FEES" AND "Resolution No. 9477 Adjusting and Establishing User and Regulatory Fees" insofar as this item purports to increase or establish new rates for "Sewer Connection Impact Fees" and "Monthly Sewer Service Rates" for Multi-Family Units (apartments) rates in conflict with the unamended Oroville Municipal Code §13.04.040 (Connection Fees) and §13.04.090 (Rates & Charges).

To the honorable City Council of the City of Oroville:

I represent K&M Butte Developers, LLC -- the developers of at least 299 Multi-Family Units (MFUs) of affordable housing in the City of Oroville. Please refer to my previous correspondence of July 7, 2026 on behalf of K&M Developers, LLC objecting to your proposed amendment of your Municipal Code §13,04.040; that correspondence and materials outline why the City's proposed "Sewer Connection Impact" fees and "Monthly Rates" for MFUs are substantively illegally excessive and untenable. However, you are now compounding the problem by attempting to approve by resolution a Master Fee Schedule that includes the increased rates before you have even voted on an amendment of your Municipal Code.

It is clearly established law that "A city cannot adopt a resolution that is in conflict with an existing city ordinance. Because there is a substantive legal difference between a resolution and an ordinance, a resolution is not

the legal equivalent of an ordinance and cannot be used to amend, supersede, or conflict with a validly enacted municipal ordinance." *San Diego City Firefighters, Local 145 v. Bd. of Admin. of San Diego City Emples. Ret. Sys.*, 206 Cal. App. 4th 594 (2012), *Pinewood Investors v. City of Oxnard*, 133 Cal. App. 3d 1030 (1982).

Copies of pages 22 and 33 from your proposed Master Fee Schedule (agenda package pp. 377 and 388) are attached and show, respectively, the Sewer Connection Impact fee and the Monthly Sewer Rates. The Fees and Rates listed are in conflict with the existing unamended Municipal Code. Furthermore, neither the Fees nor Rates pages show different reduced rates for MFUs as compared to Single Family Homes (SFHs), regardless of whether the City intends to reduce rates for MFUs in any amount based on reduced flows from MFUs. On its face your charges for connections and monthly rates are the same for MFUs and SFHs.

When your rates and charges are --as here-- the product of your ordinances, inconsistent resolutions are invalid and have no effect. You should remove the sewerage connection impact charges and the monthly charges from this resolution, while the rest of the charges may pass. Lets have an honest debate about the legality and amount of your connection charges monthly rates through the ordinance process as required.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

MCNEILL LAW OFFICES



WALTER P. MCNEILL

City of Oroville

LAND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING AND ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FEES

Description	Fee	Charge Basis	Note	Yearly Adjust
IMPACT FEES				
28 Traffic Impact Fee				
a) Single Family	\$961	per unit		N
b) Multi Family	\$745	per unit		N
c) Commercial	\$2,091	per 1,000 sq ft		N
d) Office	\$1,105	per 1,000 sq ft		N
e) Industrial	\$575	per 1,000 sq ft		N
29 Facilities Impact Fees				
a) General Government				
i) Single Family	\$1,135	per unit		N
ii) Multi Family	\$676	per unit		N
iii) Commercial	\$590	per 1,000 sq ft		N
iv) Office	\$770	per 1,000 sq ft		N
v) Industrial	\$286	per 1,000 sq ft		N
b) Fire				
i) Single Family	\$804	per unit		N
ii) Multi Family	\$648	per unit		N
iii) Commercial	\$507	per 1,000 sq ft		N
iv) Office	\$662	per 1,000 sq ft		N
v) Industrial	\$246	per 1,000 sq ft		N
c) Law Enforcement				
i) Single Family	\$1,393	per unit		N
ii) Multi Family	\$1,122	per unit		N
iii) Commercial	\$393	per 1,000 sq ft		N
iv) Office	\$514	per 1,000 sq ft		N
v) Industrial	\$192	per 1,000 sq ft		N
d) Parks				
i) Single Family	\$3,843	per unit		N
ii) Multi Family	\$3,095	per dwelling unit		N
30 Drainage Impact Fee				
a) Single Family	\$2,572			N
b) Multi Family Per Unit	\$1,029			N
c) Commercial	\$1,466			N
d) Office	\$1,440			N
e) Industrial	\$1,388			N
f) Thermalito	see fee schedule			N
31 Sewer Connection				
a) Impact Fee	\$1,794	per EDU		N
b) SCOR	\$6,638	per EDU		N

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City of Oroville
MONTHLY SEWER RATES

YEAR	SCOR	CITY	TOTAL
2019-20	\$13.85	\$23.56	\$37.41
2020-21	\$15.85	\$23.56	\$39.41
2021-22	\$17.85	\$23.56	\$41.41
2022-23	\$19.85	\$23.56	\$43.41
2023-24	\$23.85	\$23.56	\$47.41
2024-25	\$24.49	\$26.06	\$50.55
2025-26	\$25.71	\$27.88	\$53.59
2026-27	\$27.00	\$29.83	\$56.83
2027-28	\$28.35	\$31.92	\$60.27
2028-29	\$29.77	\$34.15	\$63.92