



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370

(209) 532-4541

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have their regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

THIS MEETING IS PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING AT:

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81193397821?pwd=UGdrRTcyaFFac3o0b2JQK2FmMTRyUT09>

Dial: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 811 9339 7821

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THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT www.sonoraca.com.

Written comments can be submitted to be included as part of the administrative record; they will not be read during the meeting. All comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the day of the noticed meeting and can be submitted to the City Clerk at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370, or via email to tskelly@sonoraca.com.

OPEN SESSION - 5:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON AGENDA POSTING

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

*The public may address the Council on any item of public interest not otherwise on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the City. No action may be taken. Matters to be addressed may be referred to City Staff or placed on a subsequent meeting Agenda. Speakers are limited to a three (3) minute presentation. If participating via Zoom, please raise your hand using the Raise Your Hand feature or dial *9 (*6 to unmute).*

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a presentation regarding the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Initiative and consider a Resolution in Opposition; Stephen Qualls, League of California Cities.
2. Receive a presentation concerning the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Sonora Handbook of Rules and Procedures, the rules of decorum, and meeting procedures; Douglas White, City Attorney.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be voted on in one motion unless a Council member or member of the public has a question or wishes to discuss an item. In that case, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

3. Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$167,928.48 for payroll, including employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay; Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer.
4. Consider acceptance of the Sonora Police Department's annual Military Equipment Report as required by Assembly Bill 481; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
5. Consider awarding a three-year contract, with up to two one-year options to extend the contract, to Nate's Tree Service, Inc. for annual creek clearing services and authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and all related documents; Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director.
6. Consider approval and execution of the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sonora and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council for the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase of the Gold Rush Multi-Use Path – Phase I Active Transportation Program Grant Project; Melissa Eads, City Administrator.

MONTHLY REPORTS

7. Receive the Sonora Administrative Services Department monthly report for July 2023 (FY23/24); Christopher Gorsky, Administrative Services Director.
8. Receive the Sonora Fire Department monthly report for August 2023; Aimee New, Fire Chief.
9. Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for August 2023; Turu VanderWiel, Police Chief.
10. Receive the Sonora Public Works Department monthly report for August 2023; Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor.

COMMUNICATIONS

11. Receive communications regarding the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Speaker Series on the Opioid Crisis and Other Health Topics.
12. Receive communications regarding the City of Sonora community outreach for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator at City Hall (209) 532-4541, meads@sonoraca.com. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Administrator's Office at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370 during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays). The agenda and supporting public documents are also available on our City website www.sonoraca.com listed under the agenda/minutes link on the Government page.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Receive a Presentation by the League of California Cities on the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Initiative. Consider a Resolution in Opposition

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation from Stephen Qualls, Lague of California Cities, on the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Initiative. Consider a Resolution in Opposition.

BACKGROUND

The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Initiative, supported by the California Business Roundtable (CBRT), would significantly restrict the ability of cities to raise taxes and fees, including retroactively. Taxes or fees passed since January 1, 2022, must abide by the measure's rules. The measure would also create new opportunities to challenge local revenue measures.

The League of Ca Cities estimates that approximately \$2 billion in existing fees and charges, along with \$ 2 billion in voter-approved measures, will be subject to legal peril if this measure passes. Currently, fees for services or products must cover the "reasonable" cost of service. The CBRT initiative would amend the law so that these fees could not exceed the "actual cost" of providing the product or service. It defines "actual cost" as the "minimum amount necessary". This could mean cities would need to choose cheaper, less optimal projects, goods, and services or subsidize the activity, resulting in race-to-the-bottom service levels and quality.

The measure would create a new requirement that some fees – including those for use of or access to government property – must be "reasonable" to the payor. However, it does not define "reasonable". The measure would also allow people to challenge fees by claiming a fee is unreasonable. Even if it meets the "actual cost" of service. This will result in lawsuits that taxpayers will be forced to fund.

Any taxes and fees adopted after January 1, 2022, that do not comply with the measure's rules would become void unless re-enacted within a year of the effective date of the measure. Voters in an annexed area would need to approve existing taxes and local voters could no longer pass special taxes by initiative with a simple majority.

Source:2023. An Existential threat to cities in on the 2024 ballot. League of California Cities.
<https://www.calcities.org/news/post/2023/08/09/an-existential-threat-to-cities-is-on-the-2024-ballot>

FISCAL IMPACT

The League of California Cities is currently evaluating the Measure Y, the Sonora City Sales Tax approved in November 2022. Initial analysis concludes, Measure Y meets several of the requirements

of CBRT with the exception of one, the statement saying Measure Y can be spent for “unrestricted general revenue purposes”. This was not part of the City of Sonora Ballot language as approved by the Sonora voters.

If Measure Y were to become void, the City of Sonora would be in a dire fiscal emergency. The City would need to place a subsequent Ballot Measure before the residents of Sonora with the requirements of CBRT.

RESOLUTION No. 09-18-2023-A**A RESOLUTION OF THE SONORA CITY COUNCIL
OPPOSING INITIATIVE 21-0042A**

WHEREAS, an association representing California's wealthiest corporations and developers is spending millions to push a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2024 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the measure includes undemocratic provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures needed to fund local services and infrastructure, and would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures where voters provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

WHEREAS, the measure creates new constitutional loopholes that allow corporations to pay far less than their fair share for the impacts they have on our communities, including local infrastructure and our environment; and

WHEREAS, the measure may make it much more difficult for state and local regulators to issue fines and levies on corporations that violate laws intended to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the measure puts billions of dollars currently dedicated to local services at risk and could force cuts to fire and emergency response, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to support homeless residents, mental health services, and more; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Sonora opposes Initiative 21-0042A1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sonora will join the No on Initiative 21-0042A1 coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, education, labor, local government, and infrastructure groups throughout the state. We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the League of California Cities at BallotMeasures@calcities.org.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED as a Resolution by the Sonora City Council at a meeting held by the City Council on the 18th day of September 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Mark Plummer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Skelly, City Clerk, City of Sonora

RESOLUTION No. 09-18-2023-A



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tracy Skelly, Administrative Services Officer

SUBJECT: Disbursements in the amount of \$167,928.48 for payroll

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of disbursements in the amount of \$167,928.48 for payroll, including employee salaries, employer and employee taxes, retirement contributions, miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions, holiday pay, and other adjustments, including retro-pay.

DISCUSSION

This payroll was the first (1st) payroll of the month, which was an expected amount.

This payroll is the 5th payroll of 26 for FY23-24, we would have expected to expend 19.23% of the budgeted amount. In total, we have expended 15.81% of the Salaries and Wages for the FY 23-24 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

Disbursements are part of the approved FY23-24 Budget.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Consider Acceptance of the 2022 Military Equipment Report

RECOMMENDATION

Consider Acceptance of the Sonoma Police Department's annual Military Equipment Report as required by Assembly Bill 481.

DISCUSSION

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481) relating to the use of military equipment by law enforcement agencies. AB 481, codified in California Government Code sections 7070 through 7075, requires that any law enforcement agency seeking to use existing or new military equipment to create a military use policy, present the policy for governing body approval by ordinance, and produce annual reports pertaining to the policy and use of military equipment.

In accordance with AB 481, each calendar year, an annual military equipment report is to be submitted to the City Council for as long as military equipment is maintained by the department. The annual report includes summaries of how the equipment was used, any complaints received concerning the equipment, the results of any internal audits regarding use violations, the total annual cost of maintaining the equipment, as well as the quantity possessed and whether the agency intends on acquiring additional military equipment in the following year.

FISCAL IMPACT

No budget adjustment is required for this item.

2022 Military Equipment Report



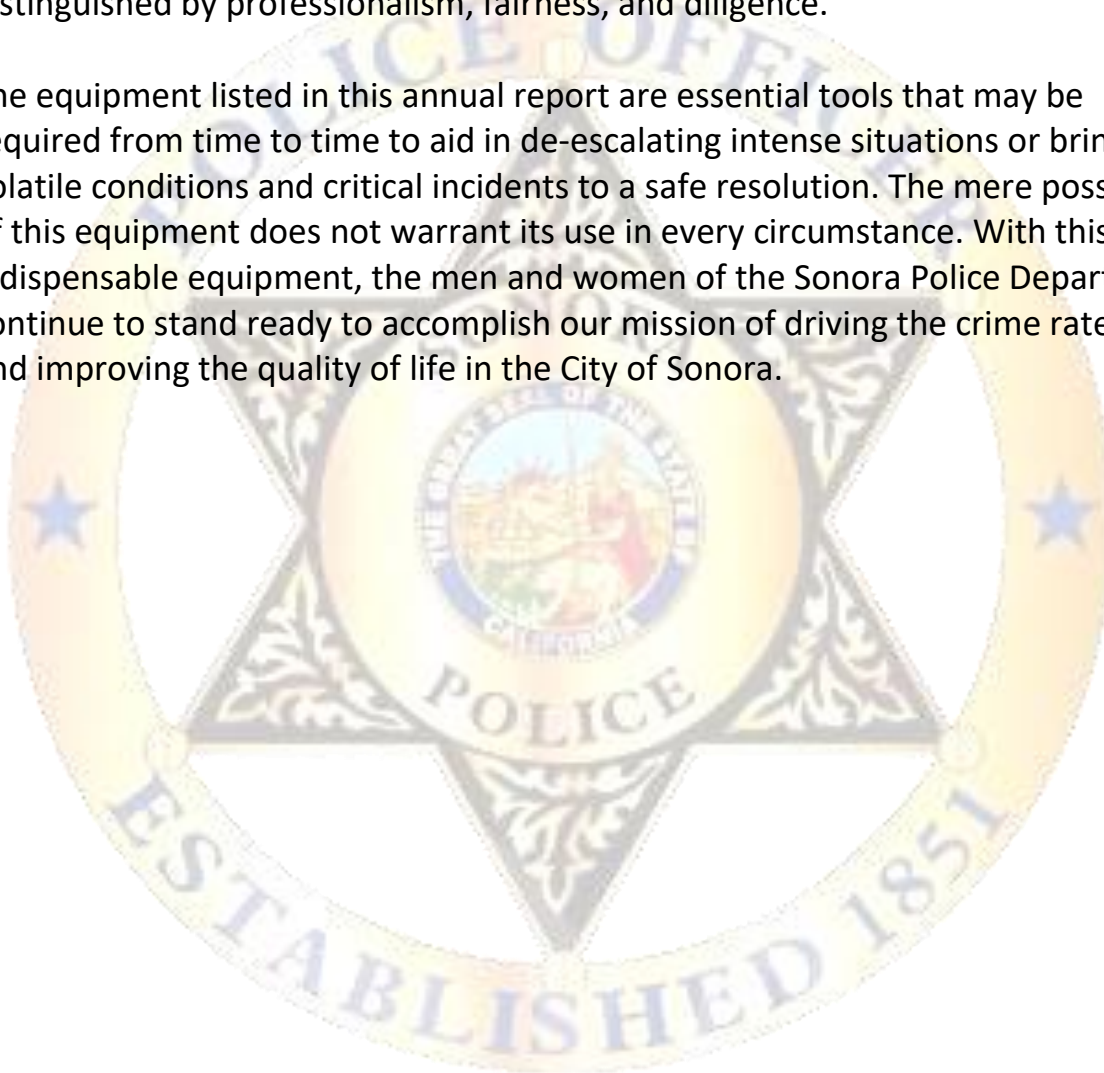
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Preface:

The Sonora Police Department is committed to the service we deliver to the residents, merchants, and visitors of Sonora and is in keeping with the highest traditions of public safety. Safeguarding life and property is the Sonora Police Department's highest priority and we pledge to carry out this obligation through compassion, dignity, and equality to every individual. Our actions will be distinguished by professionalism, fairness, and diligence.

The equipment listed in this annual report are essential tools that may be required from time to time to aid in de-escalating intense situations or bringing volatile conditions and critical incidents to a safe resolution. The mere possession of this equipment does not warrant its use in every circumstance. With this indispensable equipment, the men and women of the Sonora Police Department continue to stand ready to accomplish our mission of driving the crime rate down and improving the quality of life in the City of Sonora.



Summary:

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB-481, requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain approval of the applicable governing body, City Council, by adoption of a military equipment use policy. The Sonora Department was required to seek City Council approval of their military equipment use policy by ordinance at a regular open meeting prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment, as defined. The bill allows the governing body to approve the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment within its jurisdiction only if it determines that the military equipment meets specified standards.

The approval is subject to annual City Council review to determine whether, based on an annual military equipment report, the standards set forth in the approving ordinance have been met. The City Council may renew the authorizing ordinance, disapprove authorization for particular military equipment where standards have not been met, or require modifications to the military equipment use policy to address any non-compliance with standards. Finally, the bill requires publication of the military equipment use policy and the annual military equipment report on the Department's website.

AB-481, Section 7072 states the following: (a) A law enforcement agency that receives approval for a military equipment use policy pursuant to Section 7071 shall submit to the governing body an annual military equipment report for each type of military equipment approved by the governing body within one year of approval, and annually thereafter for as long as the military equipment is available for use. The law enforcement agency shall also make each annual military equipment report required by this section publicly available on its internet website for as long as the military equipment is available for use. Within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing an annual military equipment report pursuant to this section, the law enforcement agency shall hold at least one well-publicized and conveniently located community engagement meeting, at which the general public may discuss and ask questions regarding the annual military equipment report and the law enforcement agency's funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment.

In addition to maintaining the highest levels of public safety, the Sonora Police Department is committed to transparency, public trust, community partnerships,

and compliance with the law. As such, the Sonora Police Department has authored the following 2022 Annual Military Equipment Report in accordance with annual reporting requirements set forth in AB-481. This report covers the usage and reporting requirements for the proceeding Calendar year (2022)



Introduction:

The Sonora Police Department retains a small complement of defined military equipment to assist in safely achieving its mission statement of driving the crime rate down and improving the quality of life in the City of Sonora. Our trained men and women know that the mere possession of the equipment does not warrant its use for every incident. The Sonora Police Department recognizes that critical incidents are unpredictable and can be very dynamic in nature. A variety of equipment options can greatly assist incident commanders, officers, and specific units in bringing those incidents to a swift resolution in a safe manner.

Military equipment is restricted for use only in certain instances. There may be instances wherein unpredictable critical incidents demand the need for incident commanders to authorize defined military equipment to be used in a manner not outlined within Department policy. In scrutinizing those particular instances, the judgment of the incident commander influenced by the totality of the circumstances, public safety, officer safety, civil rights, and information available at the time will be used. It is incumbent upon incident commanders, supervisors, and individual officers to recognize the particular circumstances wherein military equipment should be employed to enhance the safety of the public and officers, and to bring a critical incident to a safe resolution. This Annual Military Equipment Report outlines a summary of military equipment usage guidelines, inventory, fiscal impact, and complaints for 2022.

Definitions:

Pursuant to AB-481, the following definitions are applicable only to the Department's current military equipment inventory and potential future military equipment acquisitions for operational needs. (For a more detailed list, refer to Government Code section 7070 for "military equipment" as defined within the Assembly Bill.)

"Governing body" means the City Council and Mayor.

"Military equipment" means the following:

1. Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles. This definition applies to the Department's inventory of small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and SWAT robots.
2. Armored personnel carriers. However, police versions of standard consumer vehicles are specifically excluded from this definition.
3. Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
4. Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature. However, items designed to remove a lock, such as bolt cutters, or a handheld ram designed to be operated by one person, are specifically excluded from this definition.
5. Firearms of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotguns are specifically excluded from this definition.
6. Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater. However, standard issue shotgun ammunition is specifically excluded from this definition.
7. Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons as defined in Sections 30510 and 30515 of the Penal Code, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to sworn members.
8. Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
9. "Flashbang" devices and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld OC. This definition applies to all of the Department's inventory of flashbangs, pepper ball launchers and related ammunition. Additionally, this definition applies to all of the Department's inventory of various chemical agents and chemical agent delivery systems maintained by the SWAT Unit.
10. The following projectile launch platforms and their associated munitions: 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bags," and rubber bullets.

11. "Military equipment" does not include general equipment not designated as prohibited or controlled by the federal Defense Logistics Agency.

"Military equipment use policy" refers to the Sonora Police Department Policy 706 and means a publicly released, written document governing the use of military equipment by the Department that addresses, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. A description of each type of military equipment, the quantity sought, its capabilities, expected lifespan, and product descriptions from the manufacturer of the military equipment.
2. The purposes and authorized uses for which the Department proposes to use each type of military equipment.
3. The fiscal impact of each type of military equipment, including the initial costs of obtaining the equipment and estimated annual costs of maintaining the equipment.
4. The legal and procedural rules that govern each authorized use.
5. The training, including any course required by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, that must be completed before any sworn member is allowed to use each specific type of military equipment to ensure the full protection of the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties and full adherence to the military equipment use policy.
6. The procedures by which members of the public may register complaints or concerns or submit questions about the use of each specific type of military equipment, and how the Department will ensure that each complaint, concern, or question receives a response in a timely manner.

Summary of Military Equipment:

The inventory of military equipment, particularly consumable material (ammunition, diversionary devices, etc.) fluctuates regularly. This is based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to operational usage, operational deterioration, training, maintenance, and expiration and replenishment guidelines. The Sonora Department is committed to transparency in disclosing its military equipment inventory and related information to our community and elected officials in compliance with the law. The Department strives to provide the most accurate military equipment inventory and information at the time of this report's publication. The following are the various types, descriptions, and guidelines for usage of military equipment currently employed by Sonora Police Department:

Rifles: Firearms that are fired from shoulder level, having a long spirally grooved barrel intended to make bullets spin and thereby have greater accuracy over a long distance.

Description, quantity, capabilities, and purchase cost

1. Colt M16A1 RIFLE (Quantity 14)
2. Received from Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program at no cost; The M16 rifle, officially designated Rifle, Caliber.223/5.56MM.
3. FEDERAL.223/5.56mm 55GR RIFLE ROUND, cost: \$198 per case of 500, quantity: 32 cases. Federal 223/5.56 MM Remington ammo features a lead core 55 55-grain full Metal Jacket bullet that is nonmagnetic, noncorrosive boxer primer, and brass casing. The Federal ammo has a muzzle velocity of 3240 feet per second and muzzle energy of 1282 ft-lbs.

Purpose

To be used as precision weapons to address a threat with more accuracy and/or from greater distances as a handgun, if present and feasible.

Equipment Usage 2022:

This section outlines the military equipment usage for 2022. Training usage is not captured in this section. This section only provides data for the operational use of military equipment listed within this Annual Equipment Report.

The following are incidents where designated equipment was deployed:

1. Various deployments of the Colt M16A1 rifle in response to potential or perceived threats. These incidents include:
 - a. Search Warrants
 - b. Area search of dangerous subjects
 - c. Response to shots fired and parameter search of School
 - d. Coverage for hold-up / robbery alarms

Purchase of Equipment in 2022:

Pursuant to Sonora Police Policy 706, the following equipment defined as Military Equipment by law was purchased in 2022:

- There were no purchases made for defined Military Equipment by SPD in 2022.

Complaints regarding use of Military Equipment:

In some instances, the application and use of military equipment may cause questions and/or concerns for members of the community. It is vitally important that community members' questions regarding the application and use of military equipment are addressed. The Sonora Police Department is committed to full and fair investigation of citizen complaints. As such, the Department has sound internal policies for thorough and impartial investigations of citizen complaints. Resolving complaints in a fair, impartial, and expeditious manner will ensure the consistent high level of integrity and efficiency maintained by the Department. The following is a summary of formal investigations related to the use of military equipment as investigated by the Sonora Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit for 2022:

- There were no complaints/investigations regarding the use of Military Equipment in 2022

Summary and responses to Policy 706 violations:

- No violations of Policy 706- Military Equipment use, were reported or known of in 2022.

Conclusion:

This Annual Military Equipment Report reaffirms the Sonora Police Department's commitment to providing transparency and information to our community and elected officials in addition to ensuring compliance with the law. The equipment, resources, and training outlined in this report allow Sonora Police Officers to better protect our community, enhance the safety of the public and officers, and bring critical incidents to a safe resolution. Public safety is and always has remained a shared responsibility. The strength of our Department lies in a partnership with our community to address crime in their neighborhoods.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Rachelle Kellogg
SUBJECT: Annual Creek Clearing Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION

Award a three-year contract, with up to two one-year options to extend the contract, to Nate's Tree Service, Inc. for annual creek clearing services and authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and all related documents.

DISCUSSION

Staff issued a Notice to Contractors to seek proposals for the City's annual creek clearing activities along designated sections of Sonora Creek and Woods Creek. The notice was posted to the City's website, provided directly to local tree service firms and placed in the Union Democrat. Proposals were due on or before September 1, 2023. The City received two proposals, Njirich & Sons, Inc. for the annual amount of \$50,000 and Nate's Tree Service, Inc. for the annual amount of \$31,950. Both proposals were complete and included all services requested under the City's notice.

In the past these services were completed utilizing Baseline Crews however this service is no longer available to the City and therefore the City must obtain the services from the private sector. The work is being completed to reduce creek diversion and backup issues during the rainy season.

The services will be provided under a three-year Services Agreement with the option of two additional one-year terms, the agreement will not exceed five years. Vegetation clearing is to occur between September 15th and October 31st each year in coordination with the City's Public Works Supervisor. The Contractor will provide all necessary labor, equipment and supplies to complete the project. They will also be responsible for brush and debris removal from the project area along with disposal costs.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Notice to Contractors
- 2) Proposal – Njirich & Sons, Inc.
- 3) Proposal – Nate's Tree Service, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this project is included within the 2022-23 FY Budget.

CITY OF SONORA

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Sonora, State of California, will receive proposals for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, transportation and services for the following project:

Annual Creek Clearing

LOCATION:

Project Area: (Approximate locations are highlighted in green on the attached map)

Sonora Creek:

- 1) Southgate Bridge (Hwy 49) to S. Washington Street
- 2) Shepherd St. to Dodge Rd.
- 3) Dodge Rd. to Terzich & Wilson, stopping at the Dam/Waterfall.

Woods Creek:

- 1) Walking Bridge (at Rotary Park) to Stockton St. (Hwy 49).
- 2) Highway 49 along ATCA's Parking Lot (Approx. 100 yards).
- 3) Behind Vic's Towing from Highway 49 to Shaws Flat Rd.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Sonora (City) is seeking a qualified contractor to provide the services included within the Scope of Work in the performance of the City's annual creek clearing within the Project Area. Contractor will provide all necessary labor, equipment and incidental supplies to complete the project. The City intends to select one contractor to provide these services. The Contract for Services will have an initial term of three (3) years and provide for two one-year options to extend the contract, the contract term shall not exceed five (5) years.

PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK:

1. Remove all major vegetation including brush, blackberries, and miscellaneous vegetation to reduce probability of creek diversion and backup.
2. Cut tree stumps as low as possible.
3. Vegetation removal will occur approximately 6 ft. from the water line to the banks.
4. Contractor is not responsible for stump or rootball removal or grinding.
5. Contractor to coordinate access from adjoining property owners as needed.
6. All work is to be inspected by the Project Manager at the completion of the work.
7. The contractor will be responsible for brush and debris removal, along with any cleanup from the project, and any disposal costs.
8. This project will be completed during normal business hours on weekdays or on weekends. Work days and times are limited to Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays, and Federal Holidays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. within the City of Sonora as provided under Section 8.20.040 of the Sonora Municipal Code.

9. Contractor shall comply with all applicable safety laws, ordinances and regulations.
10. Any changes to the project scope or specifications must be approved, in writing, by the City of Sonora.

TIME OF WORK:

Work must be conducted between September 15th and October 31st each and every year, during the term of the Agreement.

ENGINEERS ESTIMATE:

There is no Engineers Estimate for this project.

PROJECT MANAGER:

All questions related to this Notice and proposal submittal should be directed to Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor, (209)743-2330, mlagomarsino@sonoraca.com.

PREVAILING WAGE AND DIR REGISTRATION:

Contractors are advised that this Project is a “public work” for purposes of the California Labor Code, which requires the payment of prevailing wages. Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Section 1773.2 of the Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate, as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, are on file in the Community Development Department at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA. It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor, and upon any subcontractor under it, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all laborers, workers, and mechanics employed in the execution of the Contract.

The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). All contractors and subcontractors who bid or work On this project must be currently registered with the DIR under Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code, and will be required to furnish electronic certified payroll records to the labor Commissioner (aka Division of Labor Standards Enforcement) as required by the Labor Commissioner under Section 1776 of the California Labor Code.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The Contractor, prior to the start of work, shall comply with the requirements under Attachment A-1, City of Sonora Standard Insurance Requirements.

SUBLETTING AND SUBCONTRACTING:

The City is relying on the expertise of the contractor selected and anticipates that they will be completing the work. Any subcontracting of the work must be approved by the City of Sonora prior to commencing with the work.

PROPOSALS:

The proposal submitted in response to this Notice shall be used as the basis for selecting the contractor. The proposal must show that the contractor is qualified to perform the services required and demonstrate their understanding of, and approach to, completing the required services included within the Scope of Work. It must include any proposed exceptions,

alterations or amendments to the Scope of Work. Proposal shall include total cost to the City, on an annual basis, for completing all services included within the Scope of Work. Proposals must be emailed to the Project Manager at mlagomarsino@sonoraca.com on or before September 1, 2023.

Attachment A-1 Standard Insurance Requirements

Architect at its own expense, shall procure, and maintain for the duration of the Agreement, the following insurance policies and endorsements with insurers licensed in the State of California possessing a Best's rating of no less than A:VII:

- A. Workers' Compensation Coverage - Worker's Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for employees in accordance with the laws of the State of California (including requiring any authorized subcontractor to obtain such insurance for its employees).
- B. General Liability Coverage - Commercial general liability insurance with a minimum liability limit per occurrence of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and for property damage. If a commercial general liability insurance form or other form with general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the work to be performed under this Contract or the general aggregate limit shall be at least twice the required occurrence limit. Coverages shall be included for premises, operations and broad form contractual liability.
- C. Automobile Liability Coverage - Automobile liability insurance with a minimum liability limit per occurrence of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and for property damage, and including coverage for owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.
- D. Professional Liability Coverage – Professional errors and omissions liability for protection against claims alleging negligent acts, errors or omissions which may arise under this Contract, whether by the insured's employees or subcontractors, within a minimum liability limit per occurrence or per claim of one million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

If issued on a claims-made basis, the following conditions apply to the professional errors and omissions liability insurance policy:

- (1) The Retroactive Date must be shown, and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of the contract work.
 - (2) Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
 - (3) If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, Architect must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
- E. Policy Endorsements: Each general liability and automobile liability insurance policy shall be endorsed with the following specific provisions:
- 1) Vendor's general liability policy shall be endorsed using Insurance Services Office Form CG 20 10 (or equivalent) to provide that the City and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall be additional insureds under such policies.

- 2) This policy shall be considered and include a provision that it is the primary policy as respects the City of Sonora as an additional insured party and shall not include any special limitations to coverage provided to the City of Sonora as an additional insured party. Any insurance maintained by the City of Sonora, including any self-insured retention the City of Sonora may have, shall be considered excess insurance only and shall not contribute with it.
 - 3) This insurance provider shall act for each insured and additional insured as though a separate policy had been written for each, except with respect to the limits of liability of the insuring company.
 - 4) The insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the City of Sonora as an additional insured party.
 - 5) Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the City of Sonora as an additional insured party.
 - 6) The insurance policy and endorsements shall not be canceled or non-renewed without first providing thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the City of Sonora's Community Development Department by certified mail, return receipt requested, at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370.
- F. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions: Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City of Sonora. At the City of Sonora's options, *Architect* shall demonstrate financial capability for payment of such deductibles or self-insured retentions.
- G. Evidence of Insurance: Architect shall provide policies and certificates of insurance with original endorsements or other evidence of insurance coverage as required by the City of Sonora. Required evidence of insurance shall be filed with the City of Sonora's Community Development Department on or before commencement of performance of this Contract. Current evidence of insurance shall be kept on file with the City of Sonora's Community Development Department at all times during the term of this Contract.
- H. Unsatisfactory Policies: If at any time any of the policies or endorsements are unsatisfactory as to form or substance, or if an issuing company shall be unsatisfactory, to the City of Sonora, a new policy or endorsement shall be promptly obtained and evidence submitted to the City of Sonora for approval.
- I. Failure to Comply: Upon failure to comply with any of these insurance requirements, this Contract may be forthwith declared suspended or terminated. Failure to obtain and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve any liability under this Contract, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or otherwise limit the indemnification obligations.



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 19970 Kelly Dr · Sonora, CA 95370
 Phone: 209-533-2268
 License #:573731

September 1, 2023

BID PROPOSAL

TO: City of Sonora
ATTN: Mike Lagomarsino
PROJECT: Annual Creek Clearing (3 Year Term, with 2 one-Year Options)
SUBMITTED BY: Ryan Palacios

The following bid is based on:

Plan Sheets:	Notice to Contractors – Annual Creek Clearing Letter
Engineer:	NA
Dated:	NA
Addendums:	None Noted
Spec. Section:	None Provided
Soils Report:	None Provided

BASE BID: \$50,000.00 per annual year

Scope of Work:

1. Remove all major vegetation including brush, blackberries, and miscellaneous vegetation to reduce probability of creek diversion and backup.
2. Cut tree stumps as low as possible.
3. Vegetation removal will occur approximately 6 ft. from the water line to the banks.
4. Njirich & Sons Inc. is not responsible for stump or root ball removal or grinding.
5. Njirich & Sons Inc. will coordinate access from adjoining property owners as needed.
6. All work is to be inspected by the Project Manager at the completion of the work.
7. Njirich & Sons Inc. will be responsible for brush and debris removal, along with any cleanup from the project, and any disposal costs.
8. This project will be completed during normal business hours on weekdays or on weekends. Work days and times are limited to Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays, and Federal Holidays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. within the City of Sonora as provided under Section 8.20.040 of the Sonora Municipal Code.
9. Njirich & Sons, Inc. shall comply with all applicable safety laws, ordinances and regulations.
10. Njirich & Sons, Inc. understands that the work must be conducted between September 15th and October 31st each and every year, during the term of the Agreement.
11. Any changes to the project scope or specifications must be approved, in writing, by the City of Sonora.

Project Area (Listed in Map)

Sonora Creek:

- 1) Southgate Bridge (Hwy 49) to S. Washington Street
- 2) Shepherd St. to Dodge Rd.
- 3) Dodge Rd. to Terzich & Wilson, stopping at the Dam/Waterfall.

Woods Creek:

- 1) Walking Bridge (at Rotary Park) to Stockton St. (Hwy 49).



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- 2) Highway 49 along ATCA's Parking Lot (Approx. 100 yards)
- 3) Behind Vic's Towing from Highway 49 to Shaws Flat Rd

Clarification and Notes:

12. Bid Price is subject to change if any portion of the proposed work is eliminated, phased or divided.
13. Proposal is based on working 5 days a week, 8-hour days.
14. Construction Water provided by Owner
15. Njirich & Sons, Inc. will comply with the requirements under Attachment A-1, City of Sonora Standard Insurance Requirements.
16. Bid includes issuance of the I.S.O. CG 20 10 10-93 additional insured endorsement naming Owner and General Contractor as "Additional Insured" under Njirich and Sons's liability policy.
17. Bid based on each party being responsible for its own acts and for its share of liability. The contract's indemnification provision must include a "comparative fault" clause by which Njirich and Sons is obligated to indemnify Owner/General Contractor only to the extent of Njirich and Sons's own fault: "...but only to the extent caused in whole or part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Subcontractor...." (As provided in AGC/ASA/ASC Standard Form Construction Subcontract at paragraph 12.1 and AIA Document A401 at paragraph 4.6.1.)
18. **Please take special note of the 20-day expiration of this bid confirmation. Due to the extremely volatile pricing and shortages of materials, our proposal is based on the materials quoted at bid time (we can confirm the material prices when our proposal is accepted). We reserve the right to address any cost revisions associated with price increases or shortages beyond our control (energy crisis, war, major impacts to industry, economy, etc.)**

The Bid Specifically Excludes the Following:

1. Fees, permits, bonds, special insurance, engineering, and inspections.
2. SWPPP sampling, reporting, NPDES, NOI plans or implementation of plans.
3. Re-Grading & Soil backing of concrete flat work, structures and back of curb.
4. Additional move-ins (price based on one (1) move-in)
5. Overtime. Bid is based on straight time unless noted otherwise in our proposal.
6. Dust control at the site and street sweeping when our crews are not physically working on the project, such as after normal working hours, weekends, and holidays. If requested we can provide additional dust control on an hourly rate basis.
7. All demolition including removal or abandonment of existing underground utility systems.
8. All telephone, gas, and electrical work, including any removal, relocation, bracing, or pole holding.
9. Dewatering for our work, or pumping any nuisance water, as none was indicated in the soils report.
10. Over-excavation of wet, loose, soft, or unstable soil, including any imported material necessary to stabilize the trench bottom.
11. All costs associated with contaminated, hazardous, or buried materials.
12. Construction water or construction water meters
13. Concrete Encasement of Underground Utilities unless otherwise shown on plans.
14. Select removal or replacement of chemically treated soils in our trench areas.
15. All landscape and landscape irrigation work including any replacement if necessary.
16. Connections to the building. Our proposal is based on stubbing all services to within 5' of the building. We also have not included any rain water down spout connections.
17. Surface concrete replacement or construction.
18. Cathodic protection of the water lines.
19. All sub drain work (trench drains, wall drains, and perforated pipe drains).
20. Vacuum Testing, Coating or Painting, of Manholes, as none is specified or typically required by the local agency.
21. TV inspection, pressure testing, or mandreling of Storm Drain lines as none is specified or typically required by the local agency.
22. Removal of excess spoils.
23. Adjustment of Existing Structures (manholes, valve boxes, vaults, etc), unless specifically shown on the plans.



Nate's Tree Service Inc.
14375 Cuesta Ct.
Sonora, CA 95370

Project Name: City of Sonora Annual Creek Clearing

PROPOSAL

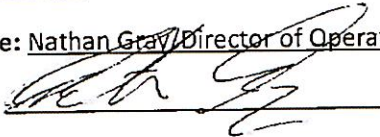
City of Sonora Annual Creek Clearing		
Location	Road	Price
Sonora Creek	Southgate Bridge (HWY 49) to S. Washington St.	\$10,800.00
	Shepherd St. to Dodge Rd.	\$6,750.00
	Dodge Rd. to Terzich & Wilson, stopping at the Dam/Waterfall.	\$5,400.00
Woods Creek	Walking Bridge (at Rotary Park) to Stockton St. (HWY 49).	\$5,400.00
	Highway 49 along ATCA's Parking Lot (Approx. 100 Yards).	\$1,800.00
	Behind Vic's Towing from Highway 49 to Shaws Flat Rd.	\$1,800.00
TOTAL AMOUNT		\$31,950.00

PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK:

1. Remove all major vegetation including brush, blackberries, and miscellaneous vegetation to reduce probability of creek diversion and backup.
2. Cut tree stumps as low as possible.
3. Vegetation removal will occur approximately 6 ft. from the water line to the banks.
4. Contractor is not responsible for stump or rootball removal or grinding.
5. Contractor to coordinate access from adjoining property owners as needed.
6. All work is to be inspected by the Project Manager at the completion of the work.
7. The contractor will be responsible for brush and debris removal, along with any cleanup from the project, and any disposal costs.
8. This project will be completed during normal business hours on weekdays or on weekends. Workdays and times are limited to Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays, and Federal Holidays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. within the City of Sonora as provided under Section 8.20.040 of the Sonora Municipal Code.
9. Contractor shall comply with all applicable safety laws, ordinances, and regulations.
10. Any changes to the project scope or specifications must be approved, in writing, by the City of Sonora.

Date: 08/31/2023

Name/Title: Nathan Gray/Director of Operations

Signature: 



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Approval and Execution of the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sonora and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council for the Gold Rush Multi-Use Path – Phase I Active Transportation Program Grant Project

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval and execution of the Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Sonora and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council for the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase of the Gold Rush Multi-Use Path – Phase I Active Transportation Program Grant Project.

DISCUSSION

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council, in partnership with the City of Sonora, has worked to submit an Active Transportation Program Application that would fund the first phase of the Gold Rush Multi-Use Path. In June of 2022, the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) approved a resolution in support of making Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds available as leveraging in support of Tuolumne County Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Applications. One of the projects funding went to support was the City of Sonora's Gold Rush Multi-Use Path – Phase I project. Tuolumne County saw all our ATP project applications receive grant awards allowing \$14.897 million in bicycle/pedestrian projects to move forward.

The City of Sonora reached out to TCTC staff regarding staffing challenges at the City and to see if TCTC might be able to assist in project delivery. Following negotiations, a Cooperative Agreement for the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase (PA&ED) of the Gold Rush Multi-Use Path – Phase I was developed. Following the approval of this agreement, TCTC will provide project management overseeing a consultant team to deliver the PA&ED phase of the Project. The City will remain the lead agency with overall project oversight. TCTC's assistance will allow the project to continue and support the schedule. Should City staffing challenges continue, or if there is a desire for TCTC to continue working on the project, another agreement for subsequent stages of the project may follow the end of this one.

Staff requests the approval and execution of the Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Sonora and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council for the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase of the Gold Rush Multi-Use Path – Phase I Active Transportation Program Grant Project. It should be noted that a Draft Final agreement is attached pending final acceptance by legal counsel. This is a time-sensitive document.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the General Fund. The City of Sonora received an ATP Active Transportation Grant award in the amount of \$5.08 million. The total project cost is \$6.418 million. The Project Approval and Environmental Documentation phase (PA&ED) is \$433,000.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE CITY OF SONORA AND THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL FOR THE PROJECT APPROVAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PHASE OF THE GOLD RUSH MULTI-USE PATH, PHASE I ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT PROJECT

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day or ____ 20__, by and between the City of Sonora (“City”) and the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (“TCTC”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora, TCTC, and Caltrans have prioritized State Route 49 (“SR 49”) Corridor improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the SR 49 Congested Corridor Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, and SR 49 Complete Streets Plan point to a pedestrian and cyclist pathway; and,

WHEREAS, the Gold Rush Multi-Use Path Project is the resulting project from those identified needs and is intended to connect the communities of Chicken Ranch Rancheria, Jamestown, Sonora, and Columbia through an approximately 14 mile, Class 1, shared use multimodal path; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora partnered with the Tuolumne County Transportation Council to submit an Active Transportation Program grant application for the project titled, “Gold Rush Multi-Use Path – Phase I” and received an award in the amount of \$5.018 million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the Tuolumne County Transportation Council programmed federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds in the amount of \$1.4 million dollars as leveraging funding for the application for a total estimated project cost of \$6.418 million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated total funding for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (“PA&ED”) Phase of the Project is \$433,000 dollars, and,

WHEREAS, The City of Sonora has requested the Tuolumne County Transportation Council execute project delivery for the PA&ED portion of the “Gold Rush Shared Use Path – Phase I” (“Project”); and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both parties to set forth terms, conditions, and provisions in regard to Project implementation, transfer of funding between agencies, and cooperation to implement the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY AND TCTC AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. The TCTC shall serve as the Lead Agency for the PA&ED portion of the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and shall prepare any and all required environmental documents. The City of Sonora shall consider the Environmental Document upon completion and reach its own conclusions on whether and how to approve the Project involved.
2. The City staff shall cooperate with TCTC staff in all phases of the PA&ED portion of the Project. A Project Development Team shall be formed between the TCTC and City staff for review of the Project specifics, phases, and progress. The Project Development Team shall be comprised of five members as follows: TCTC Director, TCTC Transportation Planner, City Administrator, City Community Development Director or City Engineer, and Caltrans District 10 Staff, or their respective designees.
3. The City agrees that the TCTC may use their Consultant on contract to assist in the completion of the Project.
4. The City shall reimburse TCTC for work completed through the Project Administration portion of the PA&ED Project funds.
5. The Project Development Team shall meet with consultants and project staff on a regular basis to review progress, comment on work completed, provide project direction and guidance and budget. The Sonora City Council will get project updates at 30, 60 and 90% completion of PA&ED.
6. All agreements, contracts, easements, memorandums of understanding, and other contractual arrangements entered into by the TCTC to implement the Project shall include the indemnification of the City and the TCTC.
7. The budget for the PA&ED phase (\$433,000) is limited to the amount approved in E76 form. The City of Sonora and TCTC agree to meet and confer on any cost increases in the PA&ED phase. The TCTC agrees to prioritize funding for the project.
8. This Agreement shall commence upon execution and continue until:
 - a. One year after acceptance of the Project as completed by the City and TCTC, as noticed by the recording of a “Notice of Completion” for the major contract work.
 - b. Mutual agreement of the parties hereto to terminate this Agreement.

CITY OF SONORA

TUOLUMNE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Mark Plummer

Mayor

Peter Rei

Chair, TCTC

Attest: _____

Tracy Skelly

City Clerk

Attest: _____

Denise Bergamaschi

Assistant to the Director, TCTC

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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Douglas L. White

City Attorney

Cody Nesper

TCTC Counsel



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Chris Gorsky, Administrative Services Director

SUBJECT: Administrative Services Department Report for July 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Administrative Services Department Report for July 2023 (FY23/24).

DISCUSSION



Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Department provides a wide range of comprehensive support services which include: accounting, finance administration and reporting, budgeting, audit, compliance, treasury management, payroll, human resources, recruitments, accounts receivable, local tax collection, accounts payable, procurements, business license management, risk management, information technology for the City.

Monthly Report to the City Council

July 2023

Highlights of General Fund Revenues:

	Current Period	YTD	FY22/23 Budget	% of Budget
Property Tax	\$ 4,569	\$ 4,569	\$ 1,205,000	0.4%
Sales Tax	\$ 307,179	\$ 307,179	\$ 3,355,600	9.2%
Measure Y	\$ 594,913	\$ 594,913	\$ 3,800,000	15.7%
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$ 51,931	\$ 51,931	\$ 600,000	8.7%
Cannabis Public Benefit Fees	\$ 64,416	\$ 64,416	\$ 605,000	10.6%
Building Permits	\$ 9,087	\$ 9,087	\$ 130,000	7.0%
Business Licenses	\$ 1,744	\$ 1,744	\$ 126,900	1.4%

Highlights of General Fund Expenditures:

	Current Period	YTD	FY22/23 Budget	% of Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 598,778	\$ 598,778	\$ 7,380,850	8.1%
Operating Expenditures	\$ 291,683	\$ 291,683	\$ 3,057,600	9.5%
Transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,000	0.0%

Total Number of Checks/DD Processed:

A/P	YTD	H/R	YTD
261	261	182	182

Business License Activity:

Licenses Issued

Current Month Zone A	Current Month Zone B	YTD Zone A	YTD Zone B
1	16	1	16



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Aimee New, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fire Department Monthly Report – August 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive Fire Department Monthly Report – August 2023

DISCUSSION

Fire Department Monthly Report – August 2023

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

1. City of Sonora Fire Department responded to 152 calls for service in August 2023.
2. Sonora City units responded to emergency calls as follows:

111 - Building fire	1
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	14
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	81
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	7
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
510 - Person in distress, other	1
520 - Water problem, other	1
522 - Water or steam leak	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
554 - Assist invalid	17
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	17
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	2
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
730 - System malfunction, other	1
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1

		152
3.	Monthly dollar loss in the City, resulting from fire:	\$12,000
4.	The average response time during the month:	4:41
5.	Automatic or mutual aid given:	41



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT – SONORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Sonora Police Department monthly report for August 2023.

DISCUSSION

The attached summarizes activities for August 2023.

	August 2023	July 2023	August 2022
Total Incidents	1,160	1,293	1,296
Calls for Service	753	882	935
Officer Initiated	407	411	361
Total Arrests	35	40	80
Felony Arrests	12	8	11
Misd. Arrests	23	32	69
Total Reports	117	116	165
Parking Citations	8	18	13
Moving Citations	24	8	8
Domestic Violence	5	4	3
Larceny Invest.	6	14	18
Total Collisions	27	37	33
Collision Invest.	13	17	9

	August 2023	June 2023	July 2022
Homeless Activity	128/20	107/24	176
Animal Calls	46	35	38
Public Intox. / UID	6	7	15
DUI Arrests	2	2	5
Total Phone Calls / 911 Calls	N/A	2,292 / 362	2,640/402
Average Per Day	N/A	74	85
Vehicle Releases	5	3	3

*Homeless Activity tracking requires additional manual inputs; the actual number of associated incidents will typically be higher than the reported number.

*The Larceny Investigation category reflects only those incidents where an investigation is conducted and a case report is generated. The actual number of larcenies is considerably higher.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund

Crimes by Area Monthly Report **August 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023**

Area 1 Reports:

Violent Crimes:

- 1 – Felony Domestic Violence
- 2 – Felony Child Abuse likely to result in Great Bodily Injury or Death
(one including Misdemeanor DUI and Misdemeanor Hit and Run)
(one including Felony Assault upon a person likely to produce Great Bodily Injury)
- 1 – Felony Battery resulting in Serious Bodily Injury
- 1 – Misdemeanor Child Endangerment
- 1 – Misdemeanor Violation of Domestic Violence Restraining Order
- 1 – Misdemeanor Domestic Battery

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 1 – Felony Vehicle Theft
- 1 – Felony Business Burglary
- 2 – Misdemeanor Business Burglaries (Shoplifting)
(one including Misdemeanor Battery on a Person)

Area 2 Reports

Violent Crimes:

- 1 – Felony Domestic Violence
- 2 – Felony Criminal Threats
(one including Felony Exhibition of a Firearm)
(one including Misdemeanor Domestic Battery)
- 1 – Misdemeanor Sexual Battery

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 1 – Felony Vehicle Theft
- 1 – Misdemeanor Petty Theft from a Residence Location

Area 1 Monthly Report August 2023

Neighborhood Watch:

ELKS HILL:

- No updated activity.

SONORA KNOWLES:

- No updated activity.

Cases For discussion:

23-902- On 8/13/2023 Officers responded to a vehicle collision as well as a lost toddler in the area of Fairview Street. 44-year-old Soulsbyville resident Stephanie Carroll was located near the vehicle which collided into a fence and was subsequently arrested for DUI. Carroll was found to have been watching her 1-year-old granddaughter who walked away from Carroll and was found walking in the street nearby. Carroll was arrested for DUI and child endangerment.

23-913- On 8/16/2023 an Officer attempted to arrest 51-year-old Sonora resident Eugene Colis for a felony warrant. Colis vandalized the responding Officers' patrol car windshield and fled on foot. Pursuing officers ran after Colis into a gas station where Colis turned to fight with Officers. A K9 and multiple Taser deployments were used but Colis continued physically resisting arrest. Colis assaulted Officers on scene including the K9. Colis was eventually taken into custody and arrested for felony assault on peace officers, felony vandalism, harming a police K9, resisting arrest, and the warrant.

Recruitments:

- 4 Full-time Police Officers
- 1 Full-time Dispatcher
- 1 Part-time Dispatcher

Training:

- One Corporal attended POST Supervisor school
- Two Reserve Officers attended an Annual Reserve Conference training
- One Sergeant attended ALICE training
- One Dispatcher attended Crisis Negotiating Team
- One Records Clerk attended Records training

Range:

- Firearms proficiency training and qualification was completed this month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Chris Johnsoncj2

Area 2 Monthly Report August 2023

Neighborhood Watch:

MYERS HILL:

- A neighborhood watch meeting was attended by Corporal Brickley on 08/20/2023.

NORTH STEWART:

- No updated activity.

HIGHLAND VIEW:

- No updated activity

Case(s) for discussion:

23-939- On 08/25/2023, at approximately, 1431 hours, Sonora PD officer were dispatched to an attempted kidnapping. The suspect entered Sonora Elementary School and attempted to check-out a student. The suspect claimed to be the student's father. Officer detained the suspect and determined he was not the father of the child who he was attempting to remove from school. The suspect was arrested and booked into the Tuolumne County jail.

23-880-08/092023, at approximately 1930 hours, officers were dispatched to a domestic violence call. The suspect punched her husband in the face; causing a ½ inch laceration to his left cheek. The suspect was arrested for felony domestic battery and booked into the Tuolumne County jail.

Field Training Program:

- No updated activity

Investigations:

- Investigation has authored 2 search warrants for an auto burglary that resulted in the theft of a \$2,000.00 drone.

Property and Evidence:

- No updated activity

Fleet:

- 5 vehicles have been sent to be fitted with Sonora PD markings and emergency lighting.

Reserves/Volunteers:

- Two new CSV applications have been completed and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Eric Nygard



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Mike Lagomarsino, Public Works Supervisor

SUBJECT: Sonora Public Works Department Monthly Report for August 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Public Works Department Monthly Report for August 2023.

DISCUSSION

For the month of August 2023, the City of Sonora Public Works Department performed the following activities:

Events

- Placed banners above Washington Street for upcoming events.
- Backhoe training.

Streets

- Loaded, and hauled a large, downed tree stump off Wyckoff Street.
- Made repairs to bricks in the sidewalk on Washington Street.
- Spent NUMEROUS days painting street markings throughout the City.
- Spent several days' pot holing City Streets.
- Removal of ads, miscellaneous signs, and flyers throughout the City.
- Loaded, and hauled six pay piles throughout the City.
- Returned numerous shopping carts to businesses abandoned on City Streets.
- Continued with Citywide weed spray program.
- Started pressure washing sidewalks, and trashcans around downtown.
- Replaced two vehicle-damaged street signs on HYW 49 @ Wyckoff St.
- Traffic signal clearance tree pruning on Restano Way.
- Repaired the damaged School sign on Snell St.
- Pruned around street signs on several City Streets.

Facilities

- Painted gutter downspout at the Police Department.
- Reinforced doors in the paint booth at Public Works for Police Department storage.
- Pressure-washed bricks and sidewalks at Opera Hall.
- Repaired swamp cooler at Public Works.
- Cut up and hauled a downed tree limb at the Police Department.
- Installed doorstop, and AC control box cover at City Hall.
- Pressure washed the stairs at the Farmers Market Restrooms.
- Repaired the swamp cooler at Public Works.

- Removed graffiti at several City facilities.
- Picked up donated furniture and delivered it to City Hall.

Parks/Landscapes/Parking Lots

- Installed (CLEAN AND CLEAR) signs in landscape on Old Wards Ferry.
- Monthly inspection of playground equipment at Rotary Park.
- Made repairs to irrigation at Rotary Park.
- Pulled weeds in the landscape on HYW 49.
- Removed the electrical outlet in the fountain parking lot.

Cemeteries

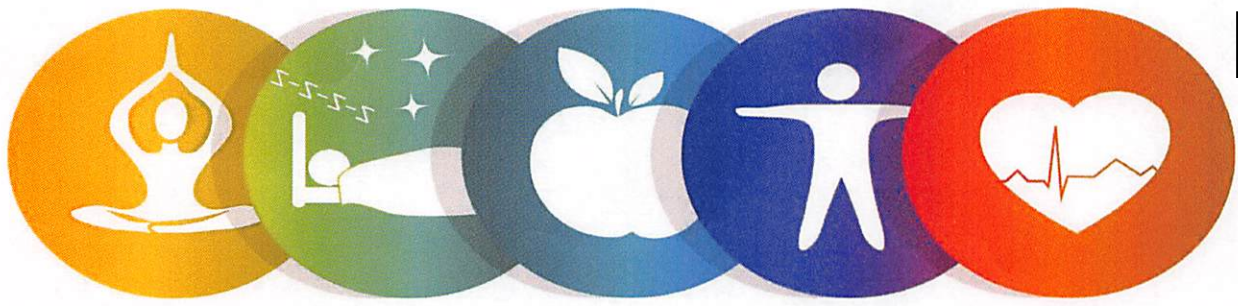
- Performed annual weed spraying at Mountain Shadow.
- Daily check of messages at Mountain Shadow, and return calls as needed.
- Daily clean of irrigation filters during irrigation season.
- Marked out plots as requested by Funeral Home as needed.
- Set headstones as requested by Funeral Home.
- Mow, and edge lawns weekly during spring and summer months.
- Made repairs to irrigation system.
- Installed an additional sprinkler in small lawns at Mt Shadow.

Miscellaneous

- Daily unlock, and service all public restrooms.
- Garbage collection twice a week in all City parking lots, landscapes, and parks.
- Monthly fleet vehicle inspections.
- Twice weekly run street sweeper early morning on rotating street schedule throughout the City.
- Put out Farmers Market no parking signs weekly.
- Took dump truck to vender for installation of new sand spreader.
- Had a new street sweeper demonstration at Public Works.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the General Fund.



**Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Speaker Series**

**Wednesday
October 4, 2023**

Estimated Time

5:00 pm

Presentation by:

Dr. Kim Freeman, Tuolumne County Public Health Officer
Opioid Crisis and other Public Health topics
in Tuolumne County



[Link to In-Person Location](#)



[Link to Virtual Meeting](#)

IN-PERSON: Behavioral Health Enrichment Center 105 Hospital Road
(Across from the Sonora Post Office)

VIRTUALLY: <https://tuolumne-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/86480448573?pwd=RjdqNkZZTlp0eVBSVktwTWJJoTmozQT09>

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Item 12.

Join us for Community Outreach!

Sonora Farmers' Market
Theall/Stewart Street
Saturday, September 30th
9 AM - 11 AM

The City of Sonora (City) is preparing a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The LHMP provides a framework for our community to reduce vulnerability from natural hazard events (such as earthquakes, drought, wildfires) and human-caused hazards (such as hazardous materials spill, active shooter, pandemic).

Your participation in the planning process is extremely important and vital to the success of the LHMP. To plan for future natural and human-caused disasters, we need your feedback!



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