

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 20, 2025; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

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CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Farr

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Farr

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM - *Members of the public may address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda. The City Council may not discuss nor take action on any community participation item brought forward by a member of the community. Comments are requested to be limited to three (3) minutes.*

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan

City Council to review the annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan for FY 25/26

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve the Wildfire Mitigation Plan

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament (G.I.B.T) Donation Request

City Council to consider the donation request made by G.I.B.T

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve the donation in the amount of \$1,500 to G.I.B.T.

3. Gridley Sports Complex Ph 1 – Budget Adjustment and Contract Amendments Unsuitable Site Conditions – Geotechnical Investigation – Option #2

City Council to consider authorizing the City Administrator to execute an amendment to task order 16-607-402 with BEN-EN to include Geotechnical Investigation for the sports lighting foundation in the amount of \$65,037.20

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Review the amendment to Task Order 16-607-402 with BEN-EN
- b. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the task order amendment

4. Cross-Connection Control Plan Development – Contract Award

City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a professional services agreement (PSA) with SoCal Water Pros (Exodus Water Services) for development of the Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP) in an amount not to exceed \$10,450.

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Authorize City Administrator to execute a PSA with SoCal Water Pros (Exodus Water Services) for development of the Cross-Connection Control Plan

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - *Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by the Mayor and City Council members, if any.*

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - *Brief updates and reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by the City Administrator, if any.*

DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORTS – *Brief updates and reports on City services as it pertains to each department, if any.*

POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - *(Appearing on the Agenda within 30 days):*

Travel Policy	11/3/2025
Energy Efficiency Contract Review	11/3/2025
Master Fee Schedule, Cost-Allocation, and Nexus Study RFP	11/3/2025
Randolph Lot Use Agreement – GUSD	11/3/2025

CLOSED SESSION –

5. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Elisa Arteaga,

City Administrator, for discussion of progress of collective bargaining discussions with City Employee represented classes – IBEW, MMU, and GPOA

ADJOURNMENT – adjourning to a regular meeting on November 3rd, 2025

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NOTE 2: REGARDING UNSCHEDULED MATTERS – In accordance with state law, it shall be the policy of this Council that no action shall be taken on any item presented during the public forum or on unscheduled matters unless the Council, by majority vote, determines that an emergency situation exists, or, unless the Council by a two-thirds vote finds that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda.

City Council Agenda Item #1
Staff Report

Date: October 20, 2025
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Ryan Carlson, Interim Electric Director
Subject: Gridley Electric Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan for FY 25/26

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Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests the City Council to approve the Gridley Electric Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan for FY 25/26 .

Background

Over the last few years, California has experienced several catastrophic wildfires that has resulted in the State Legislature passing SB 901 in September 2018. The law requires California utilities to annually prepare a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). The City Council adopted our initial WMP in December 2019 for the FY 19-20.

Gridley Electric’s WMP (Attached) describes the range of actions that our Electric Utility is taking, or considering, to minimize the sources of ignition and improve the resiliency of the City’s electric grid. The WMP complies with the requirements of the Public Utilities Code section 8387 for publicly owned electric utilities to prepare a wildfire mitigation plan. The plan will be iterative, promote continuous improvement year after year, and implement industry best practices in a prudent and reasonable manner.

The Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB) has joined the California Natural Resources Agency on July 1, 2021, as the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety). The WSAB has an electronic, online e-filing system to receive and distribute document filings and provide easy access to information. The CPUC request we update our WMP every year and be submitted to the e-filing system.

Fiscal Impact

None

Compliance with the City Council Strategic Plan

This recommendation is consistent with our ongoing efforts to provide safe and reliable electrical services.

Attachments

Wildfire Mitigation Plan 2025

CITY OF GRIDLEY WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

JULY 1, 2025

I. OVERVIEW

A. POLICY STATEMENT

The Gridley Electric Department's overarching goal is to provide safe, reliable, and economic electric service to our residents and business community. In order to meet this goal, Gridley constructs, maintains, and operates its electrical lines and equipment in a manner that minimizes the risk of catastrophic wildfire posed by its electrical lines and equipment.

B. PURPOSE OF THE WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan describes the range of actions that Gridley is taking to mitigate the threat of power-line ignited wildfires, including its various programs, policies, and procedures. This plan is subject to direct supervision by the City Administrator and is implemented by the Electrical Superintendent. This plan complies with the requirements of Public Utilities Code section 8387 for publicly owned electric utilities to prepare a wildfire mitigation plan by January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter. Gridley Electrical is a department within the City of Gridley.

Organization of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan includes the following elements:

- Objectives of the plan;
- Roles and responsibilities for carrying out the plan;
- Identification of key wildfire risks and risk drivers;
- Description of wildfire prevention, mitigation, and response strategies and programs;
- Community outreach and education;
- Metrics for evaluating the performance of the plan and identifying areas for improvement;
- Review and validation of the plan; and
- Timelines.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

A. MINIMIZING SOURCES OF IGNITION

The primary goal of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan is to minimize the probability that Gridley's transmission and distribution system may be the origin or contributing source for the ignition of a fire. Gridley has evaluated the prudent and cost-effective improvements to its physical assets, operations, and training that can help to meet this objective. Gridley has implemented those changes consistent with this evaluation.

B. RESILIENCY OF THE ELECTRIC GRID

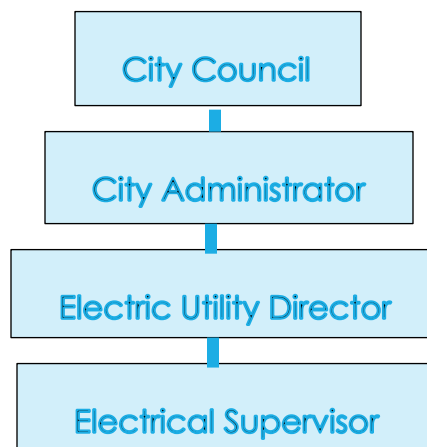
The secondary goal of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan is to improve the resiliency of the electric grid. As part of the development of this plan, Gridley assesses new industry practices and technologies that will reduce the likelihood of an interruption (frequency) in service and improve the restoration (duration) of service.

C. MINIMIZING UNNECESSARY OR INEFFECTIVE ACTIONS

The final goal for this Wildfire Mitigation Plan is to measure the effectiveness of specific wildfire mitigation strategies. Where a particular action, program component, or protocol is determined to be unnecessary or ineffective, Gridley will assess whether a modification or replacement is merited. This plan will also help determine if more cost-effective measures would produce the same or improved results.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. UTILITY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



City Council - to debate, consider and adopt any policies, regulations or ordinances recommended by the City Administrator and Electric Utility Director as to the safe operations of the City of Gridley's Electrical System in accordance with the Wildfire Mitigation plan.

City Administrator - to work with the Electric Utility Director in the implementation of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan and to be a liaison to the City of Gridley Council and Gridley Electrical Department during wildfire events. To be the liaison between the City of Gridley and any outside Governmental agencies in procurement of any needed resources to aid in a Wildfire Event. To be the public relations contact for the City of Gridley during a Wildfire Event.

Electric Utility Director - to oversee the operation of the City of Gridley's Electrical Department. To implement the City of Gridley's Wildfire Mitigation Plan as adopted by the City of Gridley Council. To be the liaison between the Gridley Electrical Department and the City of Gridley Administrator during wildfire events. To be the liaison between City of Gridley Departments in providing aid during Wildfire Events. To provide training to Electrical Department staff in the prevention of Wildfire events caused by Electrical Distribution Systems.

Electrical Supervisor - to oversee the day-to-day operations of the City of Gridley's Electrical Distribution System. To implement the City of Gridley's Wildfire Mitigation Plan as adopted by the City of Gridley's Council. To be the liaison between the Gridley Electrical Crew and the Gridley Electric Utility Director during Wildfire Events. To report and correct any adverse conditions on the Electrical Distribution that may cause a Wildfire event.

B. WILDFIRE PREVENTION

City of Gridley’s staff roles and responsibilities for (1) electric facility design, maintenance, and inspection; and (2) vegetation management.

- Operate system in a manner that will minimize potential wildfire risks.
- Take all reasonable and practicable actions to minimize the risk of a catastrophic wildfire caused by Gridley electric facilities.
- Coordinate with federal, state, and local fire management personnel as necessary or appropriate to implement Gridley’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Immediately report fires, pursuant to existing Gridley Electrical practices and the requirements of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Take corrective action when the staff witnesses or is notified that fire protection measures have not been properly installed or maintained.
- Comply with relevant federal, state, and industry standard requirements, including the industry standards established by the California Public Utilities Commission.
- Collect and maintain wildfire data necessary for the implementation of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Provide regular training programs for all employees having obligations for implementation of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Perform annual inspections of distribution system for tree clearances.
- Perform annual tree trimming to maintain a 12-foot clearance around primary lines.

C. WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

During a wildfire event the Gridley Electric Utility Director, and or, the Electrical Supervisor will keep in direct contact and provide regular updates as to the event status with the following Departments and organizations:

- City of Gridley Administrator
- Gridley Police Department
- CalFire
- Gridley Public Works Department

Gridley Electrical utility staff have the following obligations regarding fire prevention, response and investigation:

- Take all reasonable and practicable actions to prevent and suppress fires resulting from Gridley’s electric facilities.
- Follow Gridley Electrical Department’s protocols during Red Flag Warnings.

D. COORDINATION WITH WATER UTILITIES/DEPARTMENT

Gridley Electrical Department will coordinate with the City of Gridley Public Works Department to ensure the reliable delivery of water during any Red Flag or wildfire event, and as needed enlist the help of Public Works personnel to combat any wildfires caused by City of Gridley Electrical Equipment or to aid in any repairs of Gridley’s electrical equipment that may cause a wildfire condition.

E. COORDINATION WITH COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDERS

During a wildfire event that involves equipment of an outside agency's Communication equipment, the City of Gridley will contact the involved agencies as soon as it is feasibly possible.

F. STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

As a local governmental agency, Gridley has planning, communication, and coordination obligations pursuant to the California Office of Emergency Services' Standardized Emergency Management System ("SEMS") Regulations, adopted in accordance with Government Code section 8607. The SEMS Regulations specify roles, responsibilities, and structures of communications at five different levels: field response, local government, operational area, regional, and state. Pursuant to this structure, Gridley annually coordinates and communicates with the relevant safety agencies as well as other relevant local and state agencies.

Under the SEMS structure, a significant amount of preparation is done through advanced planning at the county level, including the coordination of efforts of public, private, and nonprofit organizations. Butte County serves as the Operational Area and is guided by the Butte County Disaster Council that is made up of representatives of Butte. The Operational Area includes local and regional organizations that bring relevant expertise to the wildfire prevention and recovery planning process. These participants include school districts, utilities, Fire Districts, non-profits, Hospitals, special districts, communications providers, and other similar organizations.

Pursuant to the SEMS structure, the City of Gridley participates in annual training exercises. Gridley is also a member of the California Utility Emergency Association, which plays a key role in ensuring communications between utilities during emergencies. Gridley also participates in the Western Energy Institute's Western Region Mutual Assistance Agreement, which is a mutual assistance agreement covering utilities across several western states.

IV. WILDFIRE RISKS AND DRIVERS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

A. PARTICULAR RISKS AND RISK DRIVERS ASSOCIATED WITH TOPOGRAPHIC AND CLIMATOLOGICAL RISK FACTORS

Below is a list of wildfire risk drivers that are prioritized and Gridley's Mitigation measures to prevent each risk within Gridley's service territory and the surrounding areas. The primary risk drivers for wildfire are the following:

1. Extended drought – Annual Tree Trimming Program mitigates fires due to overgrown/rotting trees
2. High Winds – Annual GO 95 Inspections and maintenance mitigate fires caused from electrical lines
3. Weather – Annual GO 95 Inspections and maintenance mitigate weather related outages/fires
4. Bark Beetles – Annual Tree Trimming Program allows us to visualize any tree damages related to bark beetle and can be removed before causing any damage
5. Vegetation Health – Annual Tree Trimming Program allows to remove any overgrown or rotten vegetation before causing any damage
6. Changing Weather Patterns (Climate Change) – Annual GO95/128 inspections prevent outages/fires due to hotter, dryer conditions.

7. Fire History – Gives us the information that is needed where extensive measures need to be taken to prevent any reoccurring fires.
8. Terrain – Annual Inspections ensures that we have all access needed in case of any fire threats

B. ENTERPRISEWIDE SAFETY RISKS

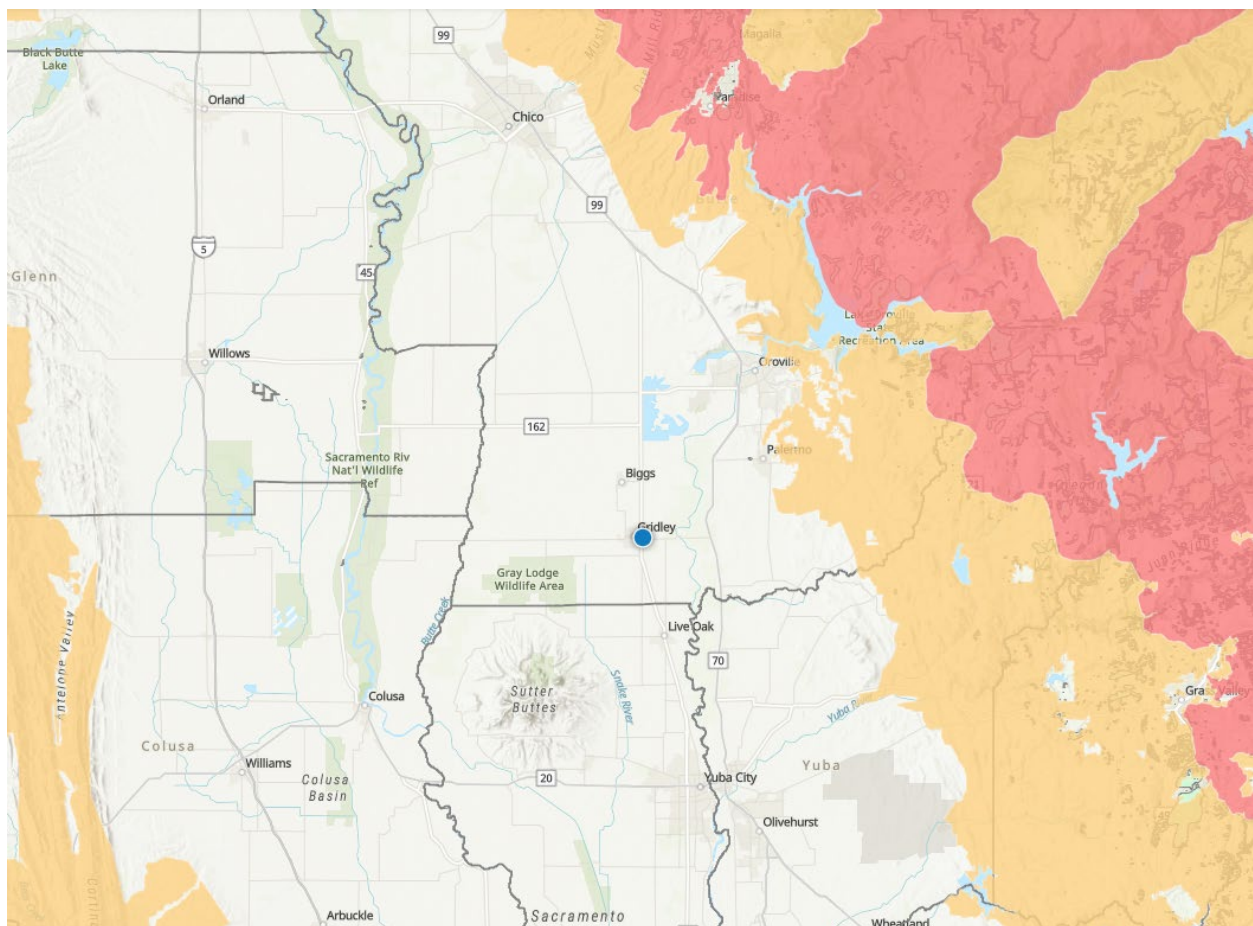
Within Gridley's Distribution system the primary risk drivers for wildfire are the following:

- Electrical system equipment failure
- Falling trees
- Animal contacting energized equipment
- Human error

C. CHANGES TO CPUC FIRE THREAT MAP

Attached is a copy of the CPUC Fire Threat Map that shows all Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 fire threat areas in California. The City of Gridley is outside of all three tiers for any high-level threat wildfire areas. Also attached is the website for the CPUC Fire Threat Map website

<https://capuc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5bdb921d747a46929d9f00dbdb6d0fa2>



V. WILDFIRE PREVENTATIVE STRATEGIES

A. HIGH FIRE THREAT DISTRICT

With Gridley not being directly in a High Fire Threat District, we still take the necessary protocols to prevent any possible fires related to our electrical system. Gridley has worked with local fire & government officials to identify the areas of Gridley's service territory that are at an elevated risk of power line ignited fires. Gridley has incorporated the High Fire Threat District map into its construction, inspection, maintenance, repair, and clearance practices, where applicable.

B. WEATHER MONITORING

Gridley monitors current and forecasted weather data from a variety of sources including:

- United States National Weather Service
- CalFire
- Weather Channel
- Radio news
- Local news outlets

Gridley assigns one of four operating conditions based on the relevant weather data and knowledge of local conditions:

- (1) Normal:** During normal conditions, no changes are made to operations or work policy.
- (2) Elevated:** During elevated fire-risk conditions, Electrical crews are asked to report any areas of concern on or around Gridley's electrical system for potential Wildfire conditions, and to address these concerns during the pre-job tail board discussion
- (3) Extreme:** During extreme fire-risk conditions, and when working in an area at risk to wildfire conditions crews are to prioritize projects, should it be necessary to proceed with the project, crews are asked to report any areas of concern on or around Gridley's electrical system for potential Wildfire conditions, and to address these concerns during the pre-job tail board discussion and if possible to de-energize the lines during the project. Ensure the job site has adequate fire suppression equipment.
- (4) Red Flag:** If the National Weather Service declares a Red Flag Warning for any portion of Gridley service territory, any work performed in a wildfire prone area is postponed unless it is deemed an emergency priority. Should it be deemed an emergency condition, crews are asked to report any areas of concern on or around Gridley's electrical system for potential Wildfire conditions, and to address these concerns during the pre-job tail board discussion and if possible, to de-energize the lines during the project. Ensure the job site has adequate fire suppression equipment. Extra personnel and equipment will be enlisted to monitor the project from the ground for potential fire, and to suppress any fire caused by the project. If deemed necessary, CalFire will be contacted to stand-by during the project.

C. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Gridley's electric facilities are designed and constructed to meet or exceed the relevant federal, state, or industry standard. Gridley treats CPUC General Order (GO) 95 as a key industry standard for design and construction standards for overhead electrical facilities. Gridley meets or exceeds all standards in GO 95. Additionally, Gridley monitors and follows as appropriate the National Electric Safety Code.

D. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Gridley meets or exceeds the minimum industry standard vegetation management practices. For transmission-level facilities, Gridley complies with NERC FAC-003-4, where applicable. For both transmission and distribution level facilities, Gridley meets: (1) Public Resources Code section 4292; (2) Public Resources Code section 4293; (3) GO 95 Rule 35; and (4) the GO 95 Appendix E Guidelines to Rule 35. These standards require significantly increased clearances in the High Fire Threat District. The recommended time-of-trim guidelines do not establish a mandatory standard, but instead provide useful guidance to utilities. Gridley will use specific knowledge of growing conditions and tree species to determine the appropriate time of trim clearance and ground vegetation in each circumstance.

GO 95, Rule 35, Table 1

Case	Type of Clearance	Trolley Contact, Feeder and Span Wires, 0-5kv	Supply Conductors and Supply Cables, 750 - 22,500 Volts	Supply Conductors and Supply Cables, 22.5 - 300 kV	Supply Conductors and Supply Cables, 300 - 550 kV (mm)
13	Radial clearance of bare line conductors from tree branches or foliage	18 inches	18 inches	¼ Pin Spacing	½ Pin Spacing
14	Radial clearance of bare line conductors from vegetation in the Fire-Threat District	18 inches	48 inches	48 inches	120 inches

Appendix E Guidelines to Rule 35

The radial clearances shown below are recommended minimum clearances that should be established, at time of trimming, between the vegetation and the energized conductors and associated live parts where practicable. Reasonable vegetation management practices may make it advantageous for the purposes of public safety or service reliability to obtain greater clearances than those listed below to ensure compliance until the next scheduled maintenance. Each utility may determine and apply additional appropriate clearances beyond clearances listed below, which take into consideration various factors, including: line operating voltage, length of span, line sag, planned maintenance cycles, location of vegetation within the span, species type, experience with particular species, vegetation growth rate and characteristics, vegetation management standards and best practices, local climate, elevation, fire risk, and vegetation trimming requirements that are

applicable to State Responsibility Area lands pursuant to Public Resource Code Sections 4102 and 4293.		
Voltage of Lines	Case 13	Case 14
Radial clearances for any conductor of a line operating at 2,400 or more volts, but less than 72,000 volts	4 feet	12 feet
Radial clearances for any conductor of a line operating at 72,000 or more volts, but less than 110,000 volts	6 feet	20 feet
Radial clearances for any conductor of a line operating at 110,000 or more volts, but less than 300,000 volts	10 feet	30 feet
Radial clearances for any conductor of a line operating at 300,000 or more volts	15 feet	30 feet

Within the High Fire Threat District, Gridley performs on an annual basis an evaluation of every tree that has the potential to strike overhead facilities if it were to fall. Gridley performs more frequent and detailed inspections of any such trees, and in cases where “hazard trees” (dead, dying, diseased or leaning) could strike the facilities, will work with the landowner to remove the tree or portion of the tree that poses a risk.

E. INSPECTIONS

Gridley meets or exceeds the minimum inspection requirements provided in CPUC GO 165 and CPUC GO 95, Rule 18. Pursuant to these rules, Gridley inspects electric facilities in the High Fire Threat District more frequently than the other areas of its service territory. Additionally, Gridley staff uses their knowledge of the specific environmental and geographical conditions to determine when areas outside of the High Fire Threat District require more frequent inspections.

If Gridley staff discovers a facility in need of repair that is owned by an entity other than Gridley, Gridley will issue a notice to repair to the facility owner and work to ensure that necessary repairs are completed promptly.

Gridley works to ensure that all inspections to be performed within the High Fire Threat District are completed before the beginning of the historic fire season, [typically September 1]. Gridley monitors drought conditions and other relevant factors throughout the year to determine if inspections should be completed in a shorter timeframe. Below is a list of our inspections and frequency.

- Go 165 OH Visual Inspections – Yearly
- Go 95 OH Detailed Inspections – 5 Years
- Go 128 UG Inspections – 3 Years
- Intrusive Pole Test – 15 Years
- Tree Trimming - Yearly

F. WORKFORCE TRAINING

Gridley has implemented work rules and complementary training programs for its workforce to help reduce the likelihood of the ignition of wildfires.

Gridley has implemented into its daily operations 4 conditions based on current weather conditions.

- Normal
- Elevated
- Extreme
- Red Flag

Gridley has added a Wildfire Mitigation Plan and fire safety training to its safety training program. Gridley Electric Employees receive training from local CalFire stations in proper fire extinguisher use for certain situations.

G. RECLOSING POLICY

During Red Flag Warnings:

Line Reclosers- will be put in a non-reclosing setting for areas that serve as a high fire threat. Should a Line Recloser open during this period, the Line reclosing device shall not be closed until the distribution line it serves has been inspected for the cause of the equipment's operation. When the equipment and distribution line is re-energized, the distribution line will be inspected for safe operation.

Substation Circuit Breaker- relays will be put in a non-reclosing setting. Should a relay operate during this period, the relay device will not be closed until the distribution line being served by the affected relay is inspected for the cause of the operation. When the substation breaker is closed the distribution line being served by the breaker will be inspected for safe operation.

H. DEENERGIZATION

Gridley has the authority to preemptively shut off power due to fire-threat conditions; however, this option will only be used in extraordinary circumstances. Gridley's mitigation efforts include an annual tree trimming program, maintenance inspections program, pole replacement program and installation of generators to lessen the impacts of de-energization on critical first responders and health and communication infrastructure. Gridley will make a case-by-case decision to shut off power based on the following considerations:

- Red Flag Warnings issued by the National Weather Service for fire weather zones that contain Gridley circuits
- Gridley staff assessments of local conditions, including wind speed (sustained and gust), humidity and temperature, fuel moisture, fuel loading and data from weather stations
- Real-time information from staff located in areas identified as at risk of being subject to extreme weather conditions
- Input from Gridley fire experts and vegetation experts
- Input from local and state fire authorities regarding the potential consequences of wildfires in select locations
- Alternative ways to reroute power to affected areas
- Awareness of mandatory or voluntary evacuation orders in place
- Expected impact of de-energizing circuits on essential services
- Other operational considerations to minimize potential wildfire ignitions, including the blocking of reclosers on the identified circuit(s)
- On-going fire activity throughout Gridley's territory and California
- Ability to notify customers

- Notifications to local governments and public officials
- Potential impacts to communities and customers

1. IMPACTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY

The following conditions may occur during a fire threat power shutdown:

- Residential areas will lose power
- Schools will lose power
- Hospital will be on back-up generation power
- Stores will lose power
- Gas stations will lose power
- Traffic signals will be on battery back-up power
- Street lights will not work
- Water supply will be on back-up generation power
- Sewer will be on back-up generation power
- City Hall and Police departments will be on back-up generator power

2. CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION PROTOCOLS

Gridley will make every attempt to give advance notice to its customers of any planned wildfire prevention power shutdowns. Should a wildfire prevention power shut down be planned, Gridley will notify all public safety offices, critical first responders, health care facilities, operators of telecommunications infrastructure and its customers in the following ways:

- Signage at City Hall
- Phone calls
- Social media post
- Automated phone calls and text
- Local news paper
- Monthly Bill mailings
- Hwy 99 messaging sign

All critical facilities such as Orchard Hospital, Police Dept., Fire Dept., City Hall, and all city wells have back- up generators in case of any sudden power loss or possible de-energization due to a fire threat. Gridley Electrical Department will coordinate with the City of Gridley Public Works Department with direct contact to PW Director or Supervisor to ensure the reliable delivery of water during any Red Flag or wildfire event and as needed enlist the help of Public Works personnel to combat any wildfires caused by City of Gridley Electrical Equipment or to aid in any repairs of Gridley's electrical equipment that may cause a wildfire condition.

VI. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

The City will annually evaluate its community outreach and public awareness communications efforts.

VII. RESTORATION OF SERVICE

Gridley will make every attempt to restore power to residents as soon as possible. Once all equipment inspections that is needed, priority power restoration will be given to critical circuits such as Hospital, CalFire, Police facilities, Senior Facilities and Schools.

VIII. EVALUATING OF THE PLAN

A. METRICS AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR MEASURING PLAN PERFORMANCE

Gridley will track two metrics to measure the performance of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan: (1) number of fire ignitions; and (2) wires down within the service territory.

METRIC 1: FIRE IGNITIONS

For purposes of this metric, a fire ignition is defined as follows:

- Gridley facility was associated with the fire;
- The fire was self-propagating and of a material other than electrical and/or communication facilities;
- The resulting fire traveled greater than one linear meter from the ignition point; and
- Gridley has knowledge that the fire occurred.

In future Wildfire Mitigation Plans, Gridley will provide the number of fires that occurred that were less than 10 acres in size. Any fires greater than 10 acres will be individually described.

METRIC 2: WIRES DOWN

The second metric is the number of distribution and transmission wires downed within Gridley's service territory. For purposes of this metric, a wire down event includes any instance where an electric transmission or primary distribution conductor falls to the ground or on to a foreign object. Gridley will divide the wires down metric between wires down inside and outside of the High Fire Threat District.

Gridley will not normalize this metric by excluding unusual events, such as severe storms. Instead, Gridley will supplement this metric with a qualitative description of any such unusual events.

B. IMPACT OF METRICS ON PLAN

In the initial years, Gridley anticipates that there will be relatively limited data gathered through these metrics. However, as the data collection history becomes more robust, Gridley will be able to identify areas of its operations and service territory that are disproportionately impacted. Gridley will then evaluate potential improvements to the plan.

C. MONITORING AND AUDITING THE PLAN

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan will be presented to Gridley City Council. Gridley will present this plan to the Gridley Council on an annual basis.

D. IDENTIFYING AND CORRECTING DEFICIENCIES IN THE PLAN **E. MONITORING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INSPECTIONS**

The Cities Electrical inspections will be done in a timely manner, with repairs being prioritized from a high threat level to a lesser threat level to prevent any fires or possible damages.

IX. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Public Utilities Code section 8387(c) requires the City of Gridley to contract with a qualified independent evaluator with experience in assessing the safe operation of electrical infrastructure to review and assess the comprehensiveness of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The independent evaluator must issue a report that is posted to the City's website. This report must also be presented to the City Council at a public meeting.

City Council Agenda Item #2
Staff Report

Date: October 20, 2025
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator
Subject: G.I.B.T Donation

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Recommendation

Staff respectfully recommends that the Gridley City Council approve the request from the Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament (G.I.B.T.) for financial support of the 2025 event, scheduled for December 11-13, 2025. This request was preliminarily approved and earmarked during the FY 2025/26 budget study sessions.

Background

G.I.B.T is holding their annual basketball tournament this year celebrating “71 Years of Outstanding Basketball” in Gridley. The tournament serves as one of the largest and most competitive basketball tournaments in Northern California, bringing in teams, coaching staffs and families into Gridley from all over the Northern California region promoting business for our local restaurants and shops.

In the recent years, the City of Gridley has supported the Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament. In 2024 the City contributed to the G.I.B.T and made donations to other community organizations and causes. This year, the G.I.B.T has requested a \$1,500 contribution to help fund the event.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of this request would require a \$1,500 budget increase. If approved, a supplemental appropriation resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting to formally authorize the adjustment.

Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

The City Council and City staff are committed to supporting the activities of important community organizations and promoting a growing local economy.

Attachment

GIBT 71st Anniversary Sponsor Package Information Sheet

GRIDLEY INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

71st ANNIVERSARY – DECEMBER 11th, 12th, & 13th

SPONSOR PACKAGE INFORMATION SHEET

△ Major Sponsor: \$1,500.00

- ◇ Newspaper Advertisement
- ◇ Sponsor Name listed on the **front or back** of the Tournament Program and a Full-Page Ad in the Tournament Program
- ◇ Large sponsor sign displayed on the gym wall throughout the boys' and girls' basketball season (size approximately 4 x 8 feet)
- ◇ Large sponsor sign displayed on the gym wall during the Butte County Fair
- ◇ Business name will be announced as a sponsor several times nightly throughout the tournament
- ◇ Radio Time or Ad on a local radio station
- ◇ 6 Season Passes to all Home Basketball Games for the entire 2025-2026 Season (Boys & Girls) **excluding playoffs.**
- ◇ 6 Tournament Passes to the GIBT
- ◇ 6 passes to the Friday Night Hospitality Party at the Moose Lodge

Additional GHS Boys Basketball Season Sponsorship

- Half Page Program Ad \$200
- Quarter Page Program Ad \$100
- Business Card Program Ad \$50

△ Gold Sponsor: \$500.00

- ◇ Full Page Ad in the Tournament Program
- ◇ Large sponsor sign displayed on the gym wall throughout the boys' and girls' basketball season (size approximately 4 feet x 4 feet)
- ◇ Large sponsor sign displayed on the gym wall during the Butte County Fair
- ◇ Business name will be announced as the sponsor of at least one game per night
- ◇ 4 Season Passes to all Home Basketball Games for the entire 2025-2026 Season (Boys & Girls) **excluding playoffs.**
- ◇ 4 Tournament Passes to the GIBT
- ◇ 4 passes to the Friday Night Hospitality Party

Additional GHS Boys Basketball Season Sponsorship

- Half Page Program Ad \$200
- Quarter Page Program Ad \$100
- Business Card Program Ad \$50

△ Blue Sponsor: \$250.00

- ◇ Half Page Ad in the Tournament Program
- ◇ Sponsor sign displayed on the gym wall throughout the boys' and girls' basketball season (size approximately 3 feet x 3 feet)
- ◇ 2 Season Passes to all Home Basketball Games for the entire 2025-2026 Season (Boys & Girls) **excluding playoffs.**
- ◇ 2 Tournament Passes to the GIBT

Additional GHS Boys Basketball Season Sponsorship

- Half Page Program Ad \$200
- Quarter Page Program Ad \$100
- Business Card Program Ad \$50

For More Information Contact: Chris McIntire
1507 Larkin Road
Gridley, CA 95948
(530) 682-6610 cell

Please make checks payable to: "GIBT" and mail to the above address.

Thank you for your support!

City Council Agenda Item #3
Staff Report

Date: October 20, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator

Subject: Gridley Sports Complex Ph 1 – Budget Adjustment and Contract Amendments
Unsuitable Site Conditions – Geotechnical Investigation-Option#2

X	Regular
	Special
	Closed
	Emergency

Recommendation

City staff respectfully recommend that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute an amendment to task order 16-607-402 with Bennett Engineering Services (BENEN) to include Geotechnical Investigation (GI) - Option #2 for the sports lighting foundation design in the amount of \$65,037.20.

Background

Construction field exploration identified high groundwater and loose, sandy, unsuitable soils at planned sports lighting locations, rendering the original foundation design infeasible. To complete Phase 1 lighting and meet Proposition 68 grant requirements, staff recommend targeted geotechnical investigation and testing to:

- Perform GI borings at all 7 pole locations to depths approximately 40 to 50 ft
- Conduct laboratory testing to establish bearing and lateral resistance
- Provide revised design parameters and foundation recommendations compatible with site conditions and the lighting manufacturer's loads
- Issue a stamped geotechnical memorandum/report for inclusion in record documents and construction submittals

BENEN will add Crawford & Associates, Inc. to team under the current task order to provide for geotechnical borings, testing, and recommendations for the sports lighting foundations and revised engineered foundation recommendation. Crawford has the drilling resources, laboratory capacity, and construction-phase responsiveness to minimize schedule impacts and coordinate effectively with the contractor, lighting supplier, and the City/CM team. Retaining Crawford for this focused scope will reduce rework risk, support timely redesign, and help keep the project moving forward.

On January 21, 2025, the City approved a \$2.46 million construction contract with a 10% contingency, plus \$462,000 for City-installed work, and the previously approved \$490,000 contract with Bennett Engineering (BENEN) dated January 17, 2023, for a total project cost of \$3,665,339.20, including items purchased at a later date.

The construction management (CM) scope originally included in BENEN's contract was reduced so the City can utilize CM and inspection services from the on-call list. CM costs are funded in the City's FY 2024–25 CIP for the Sports Complex, carried into FY 2025–26, and are eligible for grant reimbursement. The CM contract was awarded to UNICO for \$99,614.03, with a not-to-exceed \$109,600 (approximately 10% contingency) for CM support, inspection services, and materials testing.

UNICO included Crawford on its team for materials testing for compaction of soil and concrete testing. Due to unsuitable soil conditions, the sports lighting foundations require a redesign and information is needed that will be collected by Crawford's soil borings and test data, so MUSCO Lighting structural engineers can provide an appropriate foundation redesign.

Due to the nature of the work for the data gathering for redesign of the lighting foundations, the geotechnical investigation could not be processed through Unico's contract. Crawford's estimated contract amount is \$65,037.20 and is a straight pass-through cost from BENEN to the City.

Financial Impact

The cost for the Geotechnical Investigations requires additional budget for the project on top of the previously approved budget, with contingency of \$2,713,339.00. Due to the initial exploration by the contractor and estimated depth of the unsuitable soil it is anticipated that the increased construction costs will result in an estimated increase of \$150,000 for the redesigned light foundation. The Table below outlines the changes to date and the projected cost and funding shortfalls.

	Construction with Both Alternative Bids
Base Bid	\$ 2,466,672.00
10% Contingency	\$ 246,667.00
06/24/2025 - Cut & Abandon Water Services	\$ 27,280.00
06/26/2025 - Revised Hydraway Drainage	\$ 31,472.00
08/21/2025 - Remove Fabric Under Chip Seal	\$ 2,912.47
08/21/2025 - Light Pole Foundation	\$ 45,380.50
08/26/2025 - Unsuitable Soils	\$ 134,425.00
Remain Contingency	\$ 5,197.03
Subtotal	\$ 2,713,339.00
Bennett Engineer Contract	\$ 490,000.00
Unfunded City Staff Work	\$ 462,000.00
Total Estimated Cost	\$ 3,665,339.00
Consideration for Approval	
Geotechnical Investigation	\$ 65,037.20
Aproximate cost of foundation change order	\$ 150,000.00
10% Contingency on new design	\$ 21,503.72
Total	\$ 236,540.92
If Approved, new projected amount	\$ 3,901,879.92
Funding Sources	
Grant Award	\$ 3,000,000.00
T-Mobile Grant (Not Awarded)	\$ 50,000.00
Unfunded Amount	\$ 851,879.92
Total Estimated Funding Required	\$ 3,901,879.92
	TRUE

Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

The City Council and City staff are committed to providing effective leadership while providing quality cost-effective local government services.

Attachments:

RRT Sports Complex Phase 1, Amendment No. 3 –Project Budget Reallocation

RRT Sports Complex Phase 1, Amendment No. 2 – Reduction of Project Budget and Scope

October 14, 2025

Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator
City of Gridley
685 Kentucky Street
Gridley, CA 95948

Re: RRT Sports Complex Phase 1, Amendment No. 3 –Project Budget Reallocation

Ms. Elisa,

This Task Order Amendment authorizes Bennett Engineering Services Inc additional budget to the project to perform new professional services described below. Services are to be performed in accordance with the Agreement dated October 17, 2016, between the City of Gridley and Bennett Engineering Services, as amended.

Project Name: Gridley – RRT Sports Complex Phase 1 (BENEN Project #16-607-206)

Scope of Work: The Project budget and scope of services are hereby amended as set forth in this Amendment No. 3. A budget of **\$65,037.20** is allocated to cover the costs associated with Crawford and Associates Geotechnical Investigation for Sports Lighting Foundations. The attached scope and fee proposal provide a detailed description of the services to be performed; **see Exhibit A: Scope of Services and Fee Estimate.**

The amended contractor amount is not to exceed \$445,437.20 without prior authorization from the City.

Requested by:



Dave Harden, P.E. – City Engineer

City of Gridley

Approved: _____
Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator

Date: _____

Bennett Engineering Services

Approved: _____
Stacey Lynch, Vice President

Date: _____

Cc: DH,MR

October 13, 2025

Geotechnical Scope of Services

Lighting Improvements

Yuba, Sutter County, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

Crawford & Associates, Inc (Crawford) understands that Musco Lighting has requested a geotechnical report including recommendations for seven, minimum 30-inch diameter concrete pile foundations. Other foundation types may be considered, if appropriate. It is our understanding that the improvements will be located within a parking lot.

Crawford & Associates, Inc., (Crawford) will coordinate with the design team to discuss the project design needs, goals, and schedule; we will drill, log and sample seven auger borings in the vicinity of the foundation elements to a depth of between 40 to 50 feet below grade; perform laboratory strength, corrosivity, and classification testing on soil samples; perform analysis (as appropriate) to develop CBC seismic design values; determine liquefaction and seismic settlement estimates; minimum diameter/depth, bearing capacity, settlement estimates, skin friction, lateral capacity values for the foundations; grading recommendations; and prepare a Geotechnical Report addressing the planned improvements.

DELIVERABLES:	DRAFT AND FINAL GEOTECHNICAL REPORT
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ASSUMPTIONS

- Auger Cuttings can be spread out within the existing unpaved shoulders
- Traffic control will not be needed
- A County encroachment permit will not be required for fieldwork



Project Name: **Lighting Improvements**
County/City: **Yuba, Sutter County, Ca.**
Services: **Geotechnical**

Date: **10/13/2025**

 Crawford & Associates, Inc. Geotechnical Engineering, Design and Construction Services		Principal *	Senior Project Manager *	Project Manager II	Project Manager I	Senior Engineer II	Senior Engineer I	Senior Geologist	Project Engineer III / Geologist III	Project Engineer II / Geologist II	Project Engineer I / Geologist I	Staff Engineer / Geologist	Drafter	Project Coordinator	Administrative Assistant	HOURS PER TASK	LABOR COST PER TASK	OTHER DIRECT COSTS	TOTAL COST PER TASK
Crawford & Associates, Inc. Tasks and Descriptions																			
Crawford Staff		TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD				
Hourly Rate		\$ 275.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 115.00				
TASK NO. 1																			
Project Management, Site Visit, Field Preparation, and Permits		2.00			2.00		6.00				4.00	8.00		1.00	1.00	24.00	\$ 4,170.00	\$ 1,488.20	\$ 5,658.20
Task 1 - Hours		2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	8.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	24.00	\$ 4,170.00	\$ 1,488.20	\$ 5,658.20
TASK NO. 2																			
Subsurface Exploration					1.00		2.00				40.00			1.00		44.00	\$ 6,755.00	\$ 33,214.00	\$ 39,969.00
Task 2 - Hours		0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	44.00	\$ 6,755.00	\$ 33,214.00	\$ 39,969.00
TASK NO. 3																			
Laboratory Testing							1.00				1.00			1.00	1.00	4.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 3,005.00	\$ 3,610.00
Task 3 - Hours		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 3,005.00	\$ 3,610.00
TASK NO. 4																			
Engineering Evaluation and Analysis		2.00			2.00		10.00				14.00	3.00	12.00	1.00	1.00	45.00	\$ 7,290.00	\$ -	\$ 7,290.00
Task 4 - Hours		2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.00	3.00	12.00	1.00	1.00	45.00	\$ 7,290.00	\$ -	\$ 7,290.00
TASK NO. 5																			
Draft and Final Reports		4.00			4.00		12.00				16.00	6.00		1.00	1.00	44.00	\$ 7,890.00	\$ -	\$ 7,890.00
Task 5 - Hours		4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	6.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	44.00	\$ 7,890.00	\$ -	\$ 7,890.00
TASK NO. 6																			
Plan Review & Consultation		1.00			1.00									1.00		3.00	\$ 620.00	\$ -	\$ 620.00
Task 6 - Hours		1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	3.00	\$ 620.00	\$ -	\$ 620.00
Subtotal- Hours/Tasks		9.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	31.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	4.00	164.00			
Overtime and Graveyard Charges May Apply																	TOTAL LABOR COST:		\$ 27,330.00
(*) Indicates Key Staff																	OTHER DIRECT COSTS:		\$ 37,707.20
(**) Indicates Prevailing Wage Classifications																	TOTAL ESTIMATED FEE:		\$ 65,037.20

October 2, 2025

Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator
City of Gridley
685 Kentucky Street
Gridley, CA 95948

Re: RRT Sports Complex Phase 1, Amendment No. 2 – Reduction of Project Budget and Scope

Ms. Elisa,

This Task Order Amendment authorizes Bennett Engineering Services Inc (**BENEN**) to reduce budget within BENEN's contract. Services are to be performed in accordance with the Agreement dated October 17, 2016, between the City of Gridley and BENEN, as amended.

Project Name: Gridley – RRT Sports Complex Phase 1 (BENEN Project #16-607-206)

Scope of Work: The Project budget and scope of services are hereby reduced as set forth in this Amendment. The budget shall be decreased by \$109,600 to cover costs associated with the City's inspection contractor. BENEN will still provide project management and construction oversight.

The amended contractor amount is not to exceed \$380,400.00 without prior authorization from the City.

Requested by:



Dave Harden, P.E. – City Engineer

City of Gridley

Approved: _____
Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator

Date: _____

Bennett Engineering Services

Approved: _____
Stacey Lynch, Vice President

Date: _____

Cc: DH,MR

City Council Agenda Item #4
Staff Report

Date: October 20, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator

X	Regular
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Subject: Cross-Connection Control Plan Development - Contract Award

Recommendation

City staff respectfully recommend that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a professional services agreement with SoCal Water Pros (Exodus Water Services) for development of the Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP) in an amount not to exceed \$10,450.

Background

State law and industry standards require public water systems to establish and maintain a CCCP to protect the potable supply from backflow and cross-connections. Core elements typically include: plan administration and implementation; service connection inventory; hazard classification; backflow prevention device requirements; plan review; field surveys; testing and maintenance verification; data management; reporting; and customer outreach.

The City of Gridley currently does not have an in-house Cross-Connection Control Specialist. As development intensifies and commercial/industrial services expand, the City must formalize and modernize its CCCP to keep pace with regulatory expectations, reduce contamination risk, and align with best practices.

Discussion

Staff contacted three firms for pricing and availability: SoCal Water Pros, HydroScience Engineers, and WestYost. SoCal Water Pros now rebranded to Exodus Water Services, submitted the lowest cost responsive proposal at \$9,500 for the defined scope. Their proposal focuses on development and submittal of the CCCP to the State for approval. Per the proposal's Services Overview, the scope outlines:

1. Plan Development & Documentation
 - a. Gather necessary system data, including service connection inventory and existing backflow prevention measures
 - b. Review legal framework and enforcement procedures, including ordinances, rules, and policies that support CCCP compliance
 - c. Create a hazard assessment schedule in accordance with Cross-Connection Control Handbook (CCCPH) Section 3.2.1
 - d. Define the process for backflow prevention device testing and inspections
2. Coordination with Local & State Authorities
 - a. Engage with the State Water Resources Control Board to align with regulatory requirements
 - b. Coordinate with internal City departments and stakeholders to address concerns
3. Submission & Approval Process

- a. Compile the finalized CCCP for submission to the State
 - b. Prepare supplementary documentation, including the hazard assessment schedule and compliance strategies
 - c. Respond to regulatory inquiries or requested modifications from the State Water Board
- 4. Deliverables
 - a. Completed CCCP
 - b. System templates and procedures document as required by CCCPH
 - c. Final submission to the State Water Resources Control Board

Notes on scope alignment: Items such as establishing a customer/tester portal, performing field surveys, building an inventory database, or conducting staff training are not included in the SoCal Water pros (Exodus Water Services) proposal and are therefore not part of this authorization. Implementation of any additional services will be present by staff at a future Council meeting, if needed.

Financial Impact

Funding for the CCCP was not allocated in the current Water Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Staff therefore request Council approval a supplemental appropriation to the Water Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$10,450 (contract \$9,500 plus 10% contingency) to establish appropriations for this work.

This funding action is necessary to keep the City in compliance with State Water Resources Control Board rules and regulations governing cross-connection control and backflow prevention. The contingency would cover limited, unforeseen needs such as additional field verification, data migration, or expanded outreach materials.

Compliance with City Council Strategic Plan or Budget Goals

The City Council and City staff are committed to providing effective leadership while providing quality cost effective local government services.

Attachments:

Professional Services Agreement – Exodus Water Services (Proposed)

Scope of Work & Fee Schedule – Exodus Water Services

Resolution 2025-R-026: Supplemental Appropriation

CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Client

CA0410004-CITY OF GRIDLEY

685 KENTUCKY STREET

GRIDLEY CA 95948

Service Provider

EXODUS WATER SERVICES LLC

3435 E Thousand Oaks Blvd, 7532Thousand Oaks,
California 91359

Email: INFO@EXODUSWATER.COM

Phone: (805) 991-7333

Date: October 13, 2025

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EXODUS WATER SERVICES LLC is a trusted leader in water compliance and operational services. We specialize in delivering tailored solutions that not only meet but exceed regulatory requirements, all while maintaining operational efficiency. This proposal outlines comprehensive services for the development of a Cross-Connection Control (CCC) Program Plan for the CITY OF GRIDLEY. Services include developing the program and submitting it to the State for approval.

Our goal is to ensure that the City has a robust CCC Program that is compliant with California's water safety regulations, protecting public health and providing safe, reliable water service.

2. QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

EXODUS WATER SERVICES LLC is a highly qualified water management and compliance firm specializing in backflow prevention, cross-connection control, and water system operations. We have extensive experience working with municipalities, water districts, and private utilities to ensure compliance with California State Water Resources Control Board regulations.

2.1. Our expertise includes:

- **Certified Cross-Connection Control Specialists** with extensive experience managing CCCPH-compliant programs.
- **Field Assessments & Hazard Identification** to mitigate potential risks before they become system failures.
- **Regulatory Compliance Expertise**—Successfully working with water districts across California to implement CCCPH-compliant programs.
- **Customer & Tester Support Services** to assist with compliance and education.
- **Backflow Prevention Assemblies** – Management of BPA inventories, testing, and compliance.
- **Comprehensive Reporting & Compliance Audits** to ensure regulatory standards are met consistently.

2.2. Licenses & Certifications:

Our team holds the necessary certifications to perform all aspects of cross-connection control, hazard assessment, and backflow prevention, including:

- **Backflow Prevention Device Tester License** (Certified to inspect, test, and repair backflow prevention assemblies).
- **Cross-Connection Control Specialist License** (Qualified to develop and oversee cross-connection control programs).
- **SWRCB Water Treatment and Distribution Certifications** (Ensuring regulatory compliance in water system operations).
- **Hazard Assessment and Mitigation Training** (Expertise in conducting comprehensive risk assessments for water systems).

3. KEY STAFF INVOLVED

Glenn Van Eekhout

Glenn Van Eekhout has nearly 30 years of experience as a local regulator, including serving as the Cross-Connection and Water Pollution Control Program Chief at the LA County Department of Public Health, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, City of Pasadena, among others. He has extensive experience in cross-connection control, backflow prevention, and water pollution control.

Certifications:

- CA Department of Public Health Registered Environmental Health Specialist
- CA State Water Board Distribution and Treatment Operator Certifications
- Cross-Connection Control Specialist (AWWA and ABPA)
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester (ABPA, AWWA, Los Angeles County DPH)

Tim Lewsadder

Tim Lewsadder has over 12 years of experience working with local water systems as a chief operator and cross-connection specialist. He has held key roles at Crestview Mutual Water Company, North Pleasant Valley Desalter, United Water Conservation District, City of Santa Barbara, and Montecito Water District. His expertise includes water system operations, cross-connection control, backflow prevention, and regulatory compliance.

Certifications:

- CA State Water Board Distribution and Treatment Operator Certifications
- CA State Water Board and Water Operator Certifications
- Certified Backflow Tester (Ventura County, AWWA)
- Cross-Connection Control Specialist (AWWA)

Harrison Wairimu

Harrison Wairimu has been an environmental and health specialist for over 10 years. He has held several key positions, including serving as Environmental and Health lead for the City of San Jose and AeroVironment Inc. Currently, Harrison serves as a contract compliance manager for multiple water systems, including South Mountain Mutual Water, Tico Mutual Water, RIO School District, and Garden Acres Mutual Water, among others.

Harrison has extensive experience collaborating with the California State Water Resources Control Board regulators and the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health. He has also led numerous major project management initiatives within the water industry.

Certifications:

- Public Health Registered Environmental Health Specialist
- Certified Health and Safety Professional
- BCSP Safety Management Specialist
- Cross-Connection Specialist (in progress)
- Project Management Professional (PMP)

4. WATER SYSTEM DETAILS

As of 10/13/2025, **CITY OF GRIDLEY**

WATER SYSTEM DETAILS	
Water System No.	CA0410004
Water System Name:	CITY OF GRIDLEY
Service Connections	
Residential Connections	2,057
Non-Residential Connections	225
Total Service Connections	2,272
Population Served	7269
Backflow Prevention Assemblies	---
Division of Drinking Water District Office	DISTRICT 21 - VALLEY

5. SERVICES OVERVIEW

5.1. Development and Submission of a Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP)

The following services will be provided to develop and submit the Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP).

5.1.1. Plan Development & Documentation

- Gather necessary system data, including service connection inventory and existing backflow prevention measures.
- Review legal framework & enforcement procedures, including ordinances, rules, and policies that support CCCP compliance.
- Create a hazard assessment schedule in accordance with CCCPH Section 3.2.1.
- Define the process for backflow prevention device testing and inspections.

5.1.2. Coordination with Local & State Authorities

- Engage with the State Water Resources Control Board to align with regulatory requirements.
- Engage water system departments and other internal stakeholders to address any concerns.

5.1.3. Submission & Approval Process

- Compile the finalized Cross-Connection Control Plan for submission.
- Prepare supplementary documentation, including hazard assessment schedule and compliance strategies.
- Respond to any regulatory inquiries or requested modifications from the State Water Board.

5.1.4. Deliverables

- Completed Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP)
- System Templates and procedures document as required by CCCPH
- Final plan submission to the State Water Resources Control Board

6. RATE STRUCTURE

	Service	Price	Type of Cost
1	Plan Development and Program Implementation	\$9,500	One-Time - Fixed Cost (50% paid upon execution 50% upon completion)
2	Program Templates as required by CCCPH	Included	
	Total	\$9,500	

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

For any inquiries or service requests, please contact:

EXODUS WATER SERVICES LLC

Address: 3435 E Thousand Oaks Blvd, 7532
Thousand Oaks, California 91359

Email: INFO@EXODUSWATER.COM

Phone: (805) 991-7333

8. ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNATURE PAGE

This proposal is accepted and agreed to by:

CITY OF GRIDLEY

EXODUS WATER SERVICES LLC

Signature: _____

Signature _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

9. BILLING INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PLAN

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board requires all public water systems to establish and maintain a Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP) to protect the potable water supply from contamination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gridley does not currently have an in-house Cross-Connection Control Specialist and must develop a CCCP to comply with State requirements and best management practices; and

WHEREAS, City staff solicited proposals from qualified firms and determined that SoCal Water Pros (Exodus Water Services) submitted the lowest cost responsive proposal for professional services to develop the CCCP in an amount not to exceed \$9,500; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommend including a ten percent (10%) contingency for unforeseen needs, bringing the total project authorization to an amount not to exceed \$10,450; and

WHEREAS, funding for this work was not included in the current Water Capital Improvement Program, and a supplemental appropriation is necessary to establish appropriations for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gridley as follows:

1. The City Council hereby authorizes a supplemental appropriation to the Water Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$10,450 to fund professional services for the development of the City's Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP).
2. The City Council further authorizes the City Administrator to execute a professional services agreement with SoCal Water Pros (Exodus Water Services) in an amount not to exceed \$10,450, including contingency.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gridley this 20 day of October, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Elisa Arteaga, City Clerk

Michael W. Farr, Mayor