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Public Works Department Activity Report

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Noteworthy Information:

1. Interim City Engineer Update. The contract for City Engineering Services with Moe Engineering was approved by City Council on April 7. Public Works will coordinate with Mario Launders and Moe Engineering to transition ongoing and upcoming engineering needs, including CIP implementation and development review support.
2. Water Master Plan Update. The administrative draft has been reviewed by staff and the final draft is nearing completion. The EFOC will receive a presentation on April 28, 2026, prior to City Council consideration scheduled for May 5, 2026.
3. Sewer Master Plan Update. The contract with GHD for preparation of the Sewer Master Plan will be presented to City Council on April 21, 2026 for approval, advancing planning efforts for long-term system improvements.
4. Flood Resiliency Master Plan. GIS mapping is complete and hydraulic modeling is underway. A focused scope has been developed for the storm drain segment of Calder Creek beneath Main Street, supporting sediment removal and improved system capacity, with potential implementation within this calendar year.
5. Burbank Farm ADA Path and Restroom Facility. Construction is well underway, including pathway improvements and restroom installation, with completion anticipated in April.
6. Bodega Avenue Bike Lanes and Rehabilitation Phase 2. Construction began in January and continues to progress. ADA ramp upgrades and curb work are underway, with paving scheduled for late April and project completion anticipated in May 2026, weather permitting.
7. Bodega Guardrails Project. During final design review, a high-pressure gas line conflict was identified beneath a portion of the proposed guardrail. Staff is coordinating with PG&E on relocation options. Caltrans has approved a grant extension through March 2028 to accommodate necessary adjustments.
8. Citywide Digouts and Repairs Project. The final project list was approved by City Council on March 17, 2026. The engineering contract has been executed, and staff anticipates releasing the project for bid in late April or early May.
9. Sebastopol Cultural Community Center. Following Council direction, the design contract for priority repairs has been executed. Staff is coordinating with the consultant team to advance design and scope development for needed improvements.
10. Ives Park Fence Replacement. The contract for replacement of fencing along Reach 1 and 2 of Calder Creek at Ives Park has been executed, with construction scheduled to begin in April.
11. Operations and Maintenance Activities.
  - Continued renovations of the men's restroom at Ives Park, including fixture and facility upgrades
  - Managed water supply operations and system reliability with Well 4 out of service
  - Completed emergency sewer line replacement on High Street to address system failure
  - Performed downtown maintenance, including cleaning tree wells and vegetation management
  - Conducted vegetation control around the outdoor classroom and labyrinth areas
  - Installed improvements at the Community Center and Youth Annex
  - Read water meters and performed routine system monitoring and maintenance
  - Completed high-frequency sewer flushing to maintain system performance
  - Initiated monthly playground inspections to ensure safety compliance
  - Performed pothole repairs and routine street maintenance activities
  - Responded to customer service requests related to water, sewer, streets, and sidewalks
  - Coordinated with the Police Department on encampment clean-up and public right-of-way maintenance
  - Poured concrete pad in preparation for installation of Micah's Hugs distribution box