

May 2026

Public Works Department Activity Report

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Noteworthy Information:

- **City Engineer Update.** Transitioned City Engineering Support to Moe Engineering.
- **Water Master Plan Update.** Finalized at May 5th City Council meeting and built into CIP Program.
- **Sewer Master Plan Update.** Held Kick-off meeting for Sewer Master Plan
- **Caulder Creek Storm Drain Project.** Collected sediment characterization data from within the storm drain pipe segment.
- **Bodega Avenue Bike Lanes and Rehab Phase 2.** City Council approved the Virginia Avenue sidewalk improvement project. Work has begun on the design and implementation of this ADA transition segment.
- **Citywide Digouts and Repairs Paving Project.** Successfully bid the project in May. Contract award is anticipated at the June 16 meeting.
- **Sebastopol Cultural Community Center Plan.** Staff worked with the consultant to finalize the current list of repair items and incorporate them into the design process.
- **Pedestrian Crossings on Covert Ln.** Received and evaluated proposals for the Covert Lane crossing at Zimpher Drive and completed the consultant ranking process.
- **Well 4 Replacement Project.** Submitted the monitoring/test well permit application to the County. Evaluated funding options for Well 4 and other water infrastructure projects.
- **Morris Street Sewer Pump Station Repair Project.** Completed the design of the repair project and prepared the bid documents for release in June.
- **Fence Replacement at Ives Park.** Contractor is continuing to fabricate the fence panels specified by the City and began installation at the end of May.
- **EPA Audit Sebastopol Water System:** The City received the results of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's May 2026 inspection of the municipal water system. As discussed during the inspection, the EPA identified deficiencies in the City's existing Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA), which must be updated to meet current federal requirements, including expanded evaluation of cybersecurity risks and critical utility operations. Public Works staff are completing the necessary revisions and expect to resubmit the updated assessment to the EPA by the end of June 2026.
- **Miscellaneous Public Works Activities.**
 - Installed the seasonal bridge to the Laguna Wetland Preserve
 - Completed renovations of the women's restroom at Ives Park
 - Removed trees at Well 4/Spooner Park and Libby Park
 - Removed fire debris from a homeless encampment adjacent to the Joe Rodota Trail.
 - Replacement of VFDs at the Morris Street Pump Station.
 - Began hydrant maintenance program.
 - Responded to customer service requests regarding water, sewer, streets, and sidewalks.