



News Release

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Phase I of the City Municipal Water Infrastructure Project to Begin

On October 8, 2018, the Hughson City Council awarded the Well No. 7 Replacement Project Phase I to Anthony J. Prieto Water Well Drilling in the amount of \$891,319. This initial phase will consist of well drilling and the upgrade to the existing sewer lift station on Whitmore Avenue and Tully Road. This is a portion of the larger City municipal water infrastructure project that includes the construction of a new water well site to replace the inactive Well No. 7 (to be called Hughson Well No. 9), an arsenic water treatment system, a 1.0-million-gallon concrete storage/blending tank, as well as the re-drilling of Well No. 5 in a new location on the same parcel (to be called Hughson Well No. 10) and new water distribution pipeline to connect the well sites. Hughson Well No. 9 will be situated just east of Grossi Fabrication and Hughson Well No. 10 will be situated just south of California TrusFrame.

The City previously received funding through the California Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) in the amount of \$8,327,753. In 2017, the City Council approved a funding agreement with the State of California, which provides up to \$5 million in the form of grant with the remainder available in the form of a loan at 0% interest over 30 years. In July 2015, the City of Hughson adopted a water rate increase, as required by the State of California, to be able to finance the debt service associated with the project.

RTC Construction Management (a subcontractor to Anthony J. Prieto Water Well Drilling) will be beginning the sewer pump improvements associated with Phase I of project during the last week of December. They will be conducting a majority of their work at the corner of Tully Road and Whitmore Avenue. The work is anticipated to take a few days to complete and no road closure is planned. After completing the work at the corner of Tully Road and Whitmore Avenue, RTC will begin necessary trench work near the City's new well sites adjacent to the California TrusFrame and Grossi Fabrication.

Subsequent work associated with Phase I will include the well construction that is scheduled to commence on January 7, 2019 and, weather permitting, should be complete by the end of March 2019. The next phase of the project will be initiated in the spring of 2019.

The City of Hughson has been working for some time with the State of California (State Water Board) on implementing a solution to bring its municipal water system in compliance the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic and the project once completed will help accomplish this goal. The entire project is expected to take nearly 18 months to complete.

The Hughson City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Meetings of the Hughson City Council are held at City Hall located at 7018 Pine Street, Hughson, CA. For more information, please visit the City of Hughson website at www.hughson.org or call 209.883.4054.

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