



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

July 6, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director

**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAKEOVER AGREEMENT
FOR EXISTING AND PROPOSED SEWER FORCE MAINS.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-54 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A TAKEOVER
AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED
SEWER FORCE MAINS.**

- 2) Approve the deposit payment of \$150,000 to Sanitation District for the estimated costs identified in the agreement; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Takeover Agreement ("Attachment No. 1") with the County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County ("District") and any subsequent documents or amendments on behalf of the City.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Approval of the proposed Takeover Agreement will initiate the process for the District to assume ownership and operation and maintenance responsibilities for existing sewer force mains and the redundant force mains which are to be constructed by the City.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The City is responsible for the costs associated with the design and construction of the proposed redundant force mains, developing as-built plans for the existing force mains, and for performing any required upgrades and/or repairs. Additionally, the City will reimburse the District for the actual direct costs associated with their review and approval of submittals and required inspection services. The District has estimated these costs at \$150,000, which is required as a deposit upon execution of the Agreement. A final invoice with a detailed accounting of the District's costs will be provided to the City following the recording of the Notice of Completion, and the District's acceptance of the ownership and maintenance of the proposed and existing force mains.

The fiscal impact of the proposed action is \$150,000. Funding is available within the FY 2026-27 Sewer Fund FD581 | Administration Services – Utility Services CC2505 | Controllable Contract Service.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

- On July 27, 1966, the City and the District entered into an agreement for the purchase and sale of the recycled water produced at the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant.
- On March 3, 1986, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 86-51 authorizing an agreement with the District for the temporary operation and maintenance of the City's four sewage pumping plants for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of permanent District ownership of the pumping plants.
- On December 18, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution 2012-162 authorizing a takeover agreement with the District for the permanent transfer of ownership, operation, and maintenance of pumping plants number 1, 2, 3, and 4, along with the sewer force mains associated with pumping plant 4.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

There is no direct environmental impact associated with the Takeover Agreement as it solely establishes the District's standards and requirements for the takeover process.

The Sewer Force Mains Capital Project associated with this Agreement will be presented to the Council following execution of the Takeover Agreement and once staff is prepared to proceed with

project. The Project will include the rehabilitation of an existing sewer force main and the construction of a new sewer force main.

DISCUSSION:

The Pomona Water Reclamation Plant is owned and operated by the District. Wastewater generated in the City of Pomona is conveyed to this plant through a system of pumping plants and sewer force mains. Beginning in 1986, City and District established a short-term agreement under which District temporarily operated and maintained this infrastructure to assess the feasibility of a permanent takeover.

In 2012, following the conclusion of the evaluation period and subsequent capital improvements, City Council approved the permanent transfer of the pumping plants, as well as the sewer force mains connected to pumping plant 4. Ownership and operational responsibility were formally assumed by the District June 2013.

Existing sewer force mains for pumping plants 2 and 3 did not meet the District's redundancy requirements and therefore were excluded from the 2012 Takeover Agreement. Under this additional Agreement, the City will begin collaborating with District on the design and construction of the redundant force mains and perform any required repairs and/or upgrades to the existing force mains associated with pumping plants 2 and 3. Upon completion of the project and acceptance by District, ownership and future maintenance responsibilities of the sewer mains will be assumed by the District.

Furthermore, this Agreement does not address the takeover of the existing sewer force main for pumping plant 1. District is currently evaluating improvements that may affect the location of both the existing force main and future redundant force main that will be required. Staff will return to Council with a separate agreement once the District completes their evaluation.

Approval of this Agreement and adoption of this Resolution (Attachment No. 2) will further the City's long-standing objective of consolidating certain wastewater conveyance infrastructure under the District's management, enhancing system reliability, and reducing future operational risk and maintenance costs to the City.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment No. 1 – Takeover Agreement
Attachment No. 2 – Resolution 2026-54