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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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June 15, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Michael Ellis, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE POLICE BUILDING BASEMENT SEWER LINE AND RESTORATION**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the ratification of an authorized emergency repair and purchase per Pomona City Code Section 2-998.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On February 24, 2026, the Pomona Police Department experienced a significant sewer line failure in the basement of the Police Department facility. The failure resulted in sewer water backing up into the tunnel, mechanical room, and secondary locker room, creating a health and safety hazard for staff and impacting critical department operations. Staff secured emergency plumbing services to mitigate the immediate hazard and prevent further damage to City facilities. Subsequent inspections revealed significant deterioration and corrosion within the existing sewer infrastructure, requiring replacement of the affected sewer lines. The recommended actions will ratify the expenses associated with the emergency sewer line replacement project, pursuant to Pomona City Code (P.C.C.) Section 2-998.

**SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds for the emergency work will increase appropriations in FY 2025-26 under the following account: FD101, General Fund | CC2003, Police Business Services | Building and Yard Repairs in the amount of \$400,201.31 from available fund reserves. The recommended actions will enable payment of the expected total cost of \$400,201.31 for the emergency sewer line replacement project.

**DISCUSSION:**

Beginning on December 16, 2025, the Pomona Police Department experienced recurring sewer line failures within the basement of the Police Department facility. Staff required multiple emergency service calls to ENCO to flush and clear the sewer lines, often occurring two to three times per week, including after-hours and weekend responses. These recurring emergency repairs resulted in more than \$12,000 in plumbing service invoices and were necessary to maintain functionality of the facility and prevent sewer backups.

On February 24, 2026, ENCO conducted a comprehensive diagnostic assessment to determine the extent of the sewer line failure and identify a long-term solution. The assessment revealed significant deterioration of the sewer infrastructure, requiring replacement of sewer lines extending throughout the Dispatch Center, both locker rooms, and portions of the hallway. Due to the scope of the work and the resulting impact on occupied workspaces, personnel were temporarily displaced from affected areas. The Los Angeles County Fire Department provided facilities to accommodate relocated locker room and restroom operations, ensuring continuity of service for Police Department personnel during construction.

Staff worked with the Acting Purchasing Manager to initiate emergency repairs and replacement of the affected sewer infrastructure pursuant to Pomona City Code (P.C.C.) Section 2-998. The Acting Purchasing Manager authorized the emergency procurement due to the time-sensitive nature of the sewer failures, the health and safety concerns associated with repeated sewer backups, and the potential for additional damage to City facilities and disruption of critical public safety operations.

The first phase of the project, consisting of excavation and sewer line replacement, was completed on June 12, 2026. Council is being asked to approve and ratify those already incurred costs. Additional estimates are also being presented for City Council consideration for the restoration phase of the project, including replacement of flooring and restoration of affected areas.

As per the City Code, City Council approval is required for any procurement exceeding \$50,000 at the earliest opportunity after the conclusion of the emergency repair and replacement work.

The following table reflects the total amount paid to each vendor as a result of the Emergency:

Vendor	Amount
ALBD Electric and Cable	\$13,973.84
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	\$6,001.48
ENCO Engineering	\$271,825.00
HOME DEPOT	\$1,488.88
LOWES	\$414.02
METAL CABINET LIQUIDATOR	\$2,058.03
Patriot Portable Restroom Inland Empire, Inc.	\$4,147.80
Shaw Industries, Inc.	\$87,892.26
Platinum Pro Portables, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Ergoflex Systems, Inc.	\$7,200.00
Base Hill, Inc.	\$2,200.00
Grand Total	\$400,201.31

\*Note: Total amount reflects estimated costs for several vendors.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment No. 1 – Total Estimated Cost Related to Emergency Repair