STAFF REPORT
CITY OF SOLANA BEACH

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Alyssa Muto, City Manager
MEETING DATE: September 3, 2025
ORIGINATING DEPT: Engineering Department – Dan Goldberg, City Engineer
SUBJECT: **Authorizing the City Clerk to File a Notice of Completion for the 2023 Sewer & Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project**

BACKGROUND:

On May 10, 2023, the City Council awarded a construction contract for the 2023 Sewer & Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project, Bid 2023-04, to Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corporation.

This item is before the City Council for consideration of Resolution 2025-099 (Attachment 1) reporting the final project costs, accepting the project as complete and directing the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Solana Beach maintains approximately 53 miles of sewer pipelines and 15 miles of storm drain infrastructure, which are essential to protecting public health and the environment. Regular rehabilitation and replacement projects are necessary to address aging facilities, prevent failures, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Southwest Pipeline completed the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. While most of the work was completed over a year ago, the contractor delayed final completion and invoicing. With the City Council's approval of the Notice of Completion, the City will release the 5% retention ($28,513.70) 35 days after approval.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

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The following are highlights of the project:

Sewer Rehabilitation and Construction

- Rehabilitated (lined) approximately 944 lineal feet of 6" sewer pipe and 2,883 lineal feet of 8" sewer pipe throughout the City, including 41 sewer lateral connections.
- Constructed three sewer clean-outs at inaccessible damaged dead-ends.
- Replaced six sewer lateral connections that compromise the City's main pipeline.
- Capped one abandoned sewer lateral that had roots intruding into the main.

Storm Drain Rehabilitation and Construction

- Rehabilitated (lined) approximately 908 lineal feet of circular and elliptical Corrugated Metal Pipes (CMP) throughout the City.
- Replaced a deteriorated catch basin on Highland Drive, west side of Interstate 5.
- Replaced a deteriorated pipe and curb inlet in the cul-de-sac portion of Barbara Avenue, south of Patty Hill Drive.
- Installed a catch basin at the northeast corner of South Granados Avenue and Lirio Street.

A small number of locations identified in the original scope were not rehabilitated at this time due to access constraints or site conditions. These locations will continue to be evaluated as part of future capital improvement planning efforts. As a result, the final project cost was less than the original contract amount.

CEQA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 Capital Improvement Program budget included $500,000 for Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Replacement and $300,000 for Storm Drain Improvements. In May 2023, City Council authorized an additional $89,802 from General Fund for the Storm Drain Improvements, bringing the total CIP budget to $389,802 for this project.

Both projects were performed within the CIP Budgets authorized. Table 1 lists the base bid amounts, authorized contingencies and final costs:

Table 1: Project Costs

Item	Sewer	Storm Drain	Total
Base Bid	$310,832	$338,802	$649,634
Contingency	$47,000	$51,000	$98,000
Construction Budget	$357,832	$389,802	$747,634
Actual Cost	$303,076	$267,198	$570,274
Savings	**$54,756**	**$122,604**	**$177,360**

The remaining unspent encumbrance of $54,756 for the Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Replacement project will be returned to the Sanitation Fund Balance and the remaining unspent encumbrance of $122,604 for the Storm Drain Improvement project will be returned to the Misc. CIP Fund Balance for future project use.

WORK PLAN:

This project was identified in the City Council's FY 2022/23 Work Plan under the Environmental Sustainability priority area. Ongoing sewer and storm drain rehabilitation supports environmental sustainability by maintaining sewer and storm drain infrastructure to prevent leaks, protect local waterways, and extend the service life of City assets.

OPTIONS:

- Approve Staff recommendation.
- Approve Staff recommendation with alternative amendments/modifications.
- Do not approve Staff recommendations.

CITY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council consider adoption of Resolution 2025-099:

1. Authorizing the City Council to accept, as complete, the 2023 Sewer & Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project, Bid 2023-04, performed by Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corporation.

2. Authorizing the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion for the project.



Alyssa Muto, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2025-099

RESOLUTION 2025-099

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLANA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING AS COMPLETE THE 2023 SEWER & STORM DRAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT, BID NO. 2023-04 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2023, the City Council awarded a construction contract for the 2023 Sewer & Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project, Bid 2023-04, to Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Sewer & Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications included as part of the public works contract with Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corporation to the satisfaction of the City Engineer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Solana Beach, California, does resolve as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true and correct.

2. That the City Council accepts, as complete, the 2023 Sewer & Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project, Bid 2023-04, performed by Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corporation.

3. That the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion for the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 2025, at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Solana Beach, California by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers –
NOES: Councilmembers –
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers –
ABSENT: Councilmembers –

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LESA HEEBNER, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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JOHANNA N. CANLAS, City Attorney

ATTEST:

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ANGELA IVEY, City Clerk

Attachment 1