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Stockton Municipal Utilities Department Hosts Groundbreaking *Event Kicks Off Construction for Upgrades for Regional Wastewater Control Facility*

STOCKTON, Calif. – On Tuesday, October 8, 2019, the City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department will hold a groundbreaking for the Regional Wastewater Control Facility (RWCF) Modifications Project. The ceremony will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at 2500 Navy Drive.

The RWCF collects, treats, and disposes of wastewater, commonly referred to as sewer, within the City, special districts, and portions of San Joaquin County. The Facility has a 55 million gallon per day treatment capacity and is located on nearly 700 acres in the southwestern portion of the City, adjacent to the San Joaquin River. Alongside the Delta Water Treatment Plant, the new wastewater facility will position Stockton for economic growth and development for years to come.

Wastewater treatment is a vital service that supports public health. The RWCF recycles a precious natural resource – water – before discharging into local waterways. This Project replaces equipment and processes that are 40 to 70 years old and beyond their useful life, ensuring Stockton continues to promote sustainable and responsible use of our natural resources well into the future.

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Once completed, it will comply with new and stricter wastewater discharge limits and support the Stockton community for decades.

“This project is setting the stage for the wellness, growth and prosperity of our community, for ourselves and for generations,” said Community Development Director David Kwong. “The modernization of the sewer treatment plant ensures the City’s infrastructure continues to promote thoughtful urban planning, safe building and sustainable future growth.”

Director of Economic Development Carrie Wright recognizes the economic contribution of this project to the City: “The RWCF Modifications Project is a local hire project bringing immediate employment opportunities to local residents. The project provides a competitive advantage for businesses looking to expand or relocate, as wastewater treatment is a key deciding factor. The project also supports business growth and attracts new industries and jobs, diversifying the City’s long-term economic base.”

Normal operations will continue during construction to ensure existing wastewater treatment services. Construction of this \$200 million project includes the demolition, rehabilitation, and repurposing of certain structures and existing components.

For questions or additional information, please contact Community Relations Officer Connie Cochran at (209) 937-8827 office / (209) 629-1251 cell or e-mail connie.cochran@stocktonca.gov.

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