

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** October 7, 2014  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Public Works Department  
**Presentation by:** Diana Langley, Public Works Director

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**Summary**

**Subject:** Funding for Union Pacific Railroad Right-of-Way Environmental Investigation Activities

**Recommendation:**

- a. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing Professional Services Agreement between the City of Yuba City and Geosyntec Consultants of Rancho Cordova, CA, modifying the scope of work to include additional environmental investigation activities within the Union Pacific Railroad Right-of-Way in the amount of \$50,000 with the finding that it is in the best interest of the City.
- b. Authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental appropriation of unallocated Road Fund in the amount of \$80,000 to Account No. 921184 (Union Pacific Phase 1 Site Assessment).

**Fiscal Impact:** \$80,000 – Unallocated Road Fund

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**Purpose:**

To determine the extent of groundwater and soil contamination in the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way located between Harter Parkway and the eastern City Limits.

**Background:**

The City has been working with UPRR for several years to evaluate acquisition of railroad right-of-way through the City (Exhibit A). The right-of-way is approximately 3.1 miles long and crosses east-west through the City. As part of the due diligence process for the acquisition, the City has conducted limited studies to determine the extent of groundwater and soil contamination on the properties.

UPRR has an interest in selling the property in its entirety. Certain pieces of the property would have beneficial public uses (e.g. street extensions); others could be sold by the City to adjacent property owners or for other uses.

**Analysis:**

In September 2013, Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec) was retained to prepare a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to identify recognized environmental conditions on the properties. The Phase I ESA was completed and Geosyntec has been working with the City's

Attorney and UPRR representatives to develop a remediation strategy. Additional services including the preparation of a soil management feasibility study, groundwater sampling, and soil sampling and testing are required. With the additional services requested, a supplemental appropriation is required to the project account.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Staff is requesting a supplemental appropriation of unallocated Road Fund in the amount of \$80,000 to Account No. 921184 (Union Pacific Phase I Site Assessment). The funds will cover the contract amendment with Geosyntec, staff time, and the City's attorney for the acquisition process.

**Alternatives:**

Do not proceed with the additional environmental investigation activities or identify an alternative funding source.

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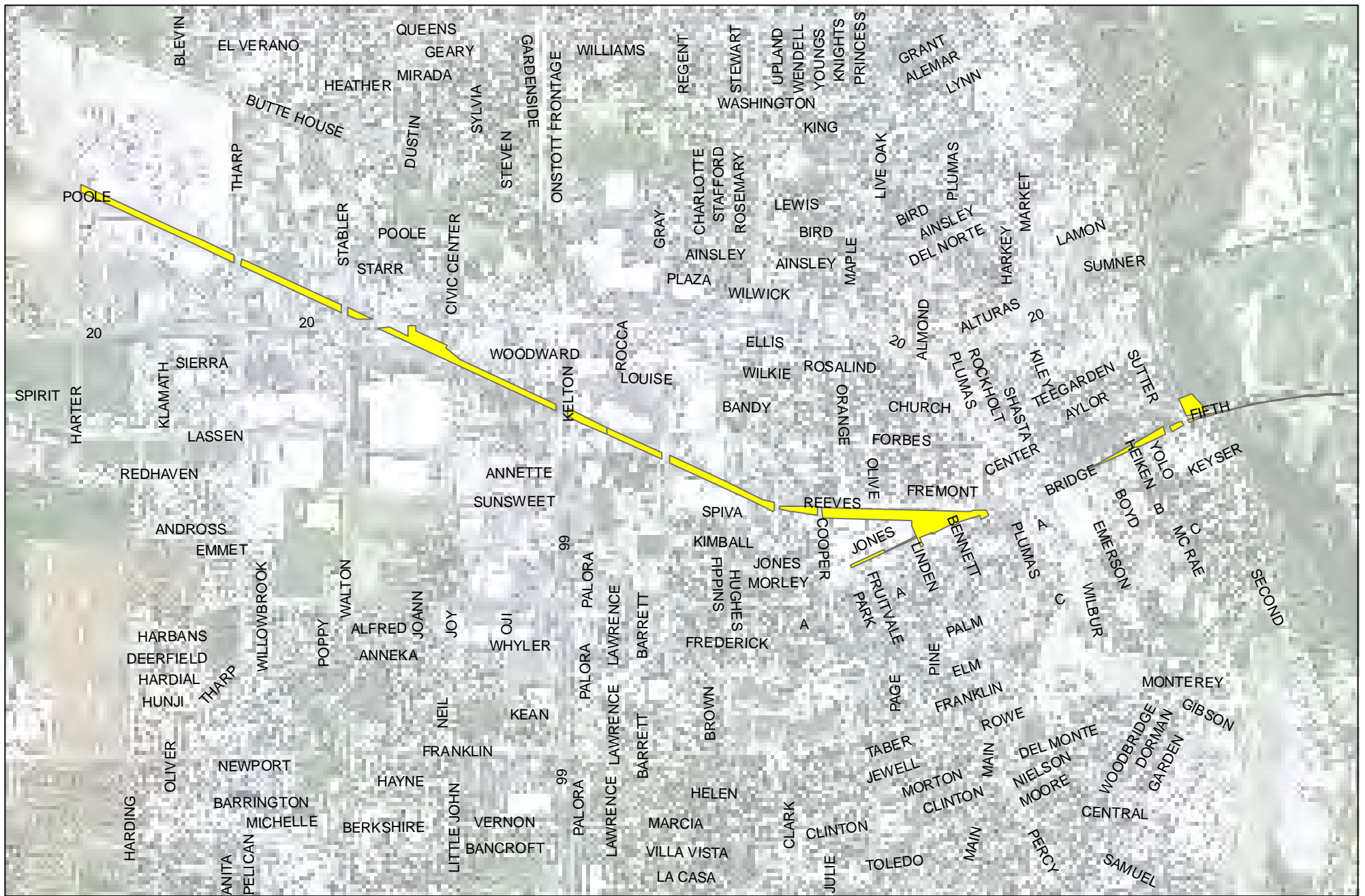
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**Exhibit A**  
**Railroad right-of-way**

1 inch = 1,600 feet

