

**Yuba IRWMP – OPUD-18  
Project Short Form<sup>1</sup>**

Please fill out the following information to the best of your ability/knowledge. Contact Keri Rinne with questions: [keri.rinne@gmail.com](mailto:keri.rinne@gmail.com)

**PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION**

Lead Agency/Organization	Olivehurst Public Utility District
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YWA Liaison	

**GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION**

<b>Project Title</b>	Septic to District Sewer Design Project
<b>Project Total Budget</b> (Attach detailed budget, if available)	\$10,625,000
<b>Budget Breakdown</b>	Planning/Design Budget: \$625,000 Implementation Budget: \$10,000,000
<b>Project Funding Match, if any</b>	\$0
<b>Total Project Funding Need</b>	\$
<b>Project Location</b> (Attach map if available)	SEE ATTACHED PLANS
<b>Watershed/subwatershed</b>	Yuba
<b>Groundwater Basin</b> (Select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> North Yuba Subbasin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Yuba Subbasin <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
<b>Supports Yuba Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Measurable Objective(s) Benefit</b> (Answer If 'Yes' above) (check <i>all</i> that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic lowering of groundwater levels <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of groundwater storage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Degraded water quality <input type="checkbox"/> Land subsidence <input type="checkbox"/> Depletions of interconnected surface waters
<b>Project Priority</b> (Select one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
<b>Project Type</b> (check <i>all</i> that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Conceptual <input type="checkbox"/> Feasibility Study <input type="checkbox"/> Study/Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering/Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permitting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CEQA/NEPA <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Construction

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration/Pilot Project
<b>Legal Authority</b>	

**Please select the *status* of the CEQA/NEPA/Permitting for this project:**

<b>CEQA</b> (Select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Started <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Study <input type="checkbox"/> EIR <input type="checkbox"/> Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown if Required
<b>NEPA</b> (Select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Not Started <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> EIS <input type="checkbox"/> Record of Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown if Required
<b>Permitting</b> (Select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not started <input type="checkbox"/> Identified <input type="checkbox"/> Consultations Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Application Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown if Required

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Write a narrative briefly describing the project components and/or characteristics (Suggest ~ 300 words).

There are pockets and communities within Olivehurst that do not have District-provided Sewer. These areas have had a difficult time managing their existing septic system and some areas/homes have been tagged unusable due to failed septic systems. Other regions have shallow groundwater, which causes constant issues with existing septic systems. In 2022, OPUD completed a feasibility study in conjunction and with the support of Yuba County Environmental and Health Department, which found that roughly 70% favored conversion (septic to sewer) for region 1 and 85% supported conversion for region 2. These are some of the last areas within Olivehurst Public Utility District Boundary that are on septic systems.

**PROJECT RATIONALE/ISSUES STATEMENT**

Briefly describe the need for the project and the desired outcomes/deliverables (Suggest ~ 200 words). Include an explanation of benefits and how they would be evaluated.

OPUD has been working with the State, and has garnered sufficient support for high-priority septic to sewer conversions. The primary hurdle is that funding is focused on shovel-ready construction projects, and OPUD needs to complete planning and design. The State has a backlog of projects in the planning and design phase, so OPUD's project is approved for planning but due to the long waitlist, it may take more than 4 years before design can begin. By that point, all State funds for construction purposes may be exhausted. If OPUD can complete the design on a shorter timeframe, so that projects are ready for construction funding, the State funding can be accessed much sooner without risk of it being disbursed elsewhere. The primary outcome of this phase of the project is to complete planning and design so that nearly 150 homes are shovel ready for septic to sewer conversion.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Task based budget
- Map of project location