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**Oxnard Secures \$2.8 Million FEMA Grant For New Backup Generator at
City's Wastewater Treatment Facility**

OXNARD, Calif. – The City of Oxnard applied for and won a \$2.8 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which helps local communities significantly reduce or eliminate future risk to lives and property from natural hazards such as flooding, tsunamis, and earthquakes.

The grant money will fund the Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator Project, which will improve the reliability and resiliency for continued plant operations during power outages. The project will replace the City's aging, 54-year old backup generators with a modern, single emergency generator.

"Public health and safety depends upon the City continuing operations and treating sewage in the event of an emergency or disaster," said Public Works Director Rosemarie Gaglione. "A new backup generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will ensure that a public health crisis is not caused by widespread power outages that take the plant offline and cause sewage backup."

The project will demolish the old electrical building and replace it with a new, expanded main electrical building that secures all electrical operations for the plant and includes electrical panels, motor control center, and automatic transfer switch equipment associated with the generator. It is part of a larger Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement project that is scheduled to begin in summer of 2021 and last for approximately two years.

The backup generator project cost is \$3.8 million. With the assistance of the multi-million dollar FEMA grant, ratepayers will only have to pay 25 percent of the costs.

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