
Crescent City Council Advances Major Infrastructure Projects

By Linda Sutter July 23, 2026

July 20, 2026 CRESCENT CITY, Calif – Residents should prepare for significant traffic changes as the City of Crescent City moves forward with the next phase of its long-awaited Front Street reconstruction project. Beginning Monday, July 27, Front Street will be closed from U.S. Highway 101 thorough H street for approximately five months while crews reconstruct the remaining portion of the roadway. City officials acknowledged the project is moving more quickly than originally anticipated and expect the closure to remain in place throughout the construction period of approximately 5 months. To help minimize disruption, the city announced it will release a detour map showing alternate routes for motorists, businesses, and visitors during construction. The Council also approved a resolution amending the City's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget to fund a water capacity analysis for the proposed Elk Valley Rancheria hotel project. The engineering study will determine whether the Bertsch Tract water storage tank has sufficient capacity to support the proposed hotel development or whether additional infrastructure will be required. During public comment, Linda Sutter expressed concern that the Bertsch Tract water tank was originally designed to serve residential customers rather than commercial development. Sutter stated she was pleased the city would conduct a professional analysis before making a final decision. City Manager Eric Wier explained that the results of the study will guide the next steps. If the existing system cannot adequately support the project, the Elk Valley Rancheria may either construct its own water storage facility or make improvements to the existing Bertsch Tract system, depending on the engineering findings. In other business, the Council approved a resolution authorizing the collection of delinquent sewer charges on certain properties through the county property tax roll. Under the action, unpaid sewer assessments will be collected in the same manner as ordinary property taxes, providing the city with an additional mechanism to recover overdue utility fees. The evening's actions reflect the city's continued focus on infrastructure improvements, utility planning, and fiscal management as several major projects move forward simultaneously.