

AGENDA

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The purpose of this meeting is to provide members of Town Council and citizens with information regarding the upcoming regular Council meeting.

The Town Council Meeting will be live-streamed on YouTube [@townofvaldese](https://www.youtube.com/@townofvaldese).

Public Comments will not be received during the September 29, 2025 meeting. However, a provision for public comments will be a part of the regular Council meeting on October 6, 2025, as required by GS. 160A-81.1.

Town of Valdese Town Council Pre-Agenda
102 Massel Avenue SW, Valdese, NC

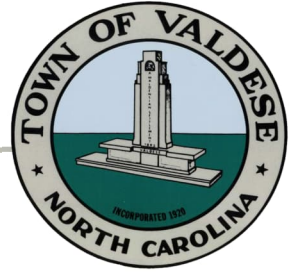
Monday, September 29, 2025
6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall, Council Chambers

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. New Business
 - A. Approval of Resolution for SRF/SRP Funding Application for Supplemental Helene Funds
(Presented by Bo Weichel)
 - B. Review and discussion of October 6, 2025, Preliminary Agenda
5. **Closed Session under NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3)** to consult with an attorney retained by the Town in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the Town attorney and the Town Council, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.
6. Adjournment

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AGENDA MEMO



☒ Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☐ Contract ☐ Discussion ☐ Information Only

To: Valdese Town Council

From: Bo Weichel

Subject: SRF/SRP Funding Application for Supplemental Helene Funds

Meeting: September 29, 2025

Presenter: Bo Weichel/RJ Mozeley

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Discussion about funding program opportunities arising out of Helene impacts leading to resolution for application.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As noted for Council in June of 2025, hurricane Helene's impacts left many utility systems in WNC without services or with impaired services for a long period of time. NCDEQ-DWI's first application date was 8/1/25 and the Town of Valdese submitted 2 applications. The Town's application to replace the existing raw water intake and pump station was selected by DWI for funding. That is, \$8,750,000 in principal forgiveness and \$1,250,000 in zero percent loan repayable over 20-years. The full project cost for the intake as originally scoped is approximately \$30 million so additional funding and project scope reduction is necessary to make the project financially viable to move forward.

The potential interconnect project with the City of Morganton and Town of Drexel was selected for funding for the application submitted by both Drexel and Morganton but due to the \$10 million cap on Helene SRF funds applied by DWI, the Valdese component of the interconnect was not selected for funding at this time. If DWI has funds remaining after the November, January and March application rounds, there is a small chance that the caps applied could be raised opening up additional funding for projects.

The item of consideration before Council now is a resolution to apply for more Helene related funds through DWI's SRF/SRP application process which closes on 9/30/25 and is derived from state funds (different than the \$10M federal award). This application will focus solely on acquiring more funding for the Town's previously awarded SRF-Helene project to replace the raw water intake and pump station. The funding decisions for this 9/30/25 round will likely be published in February 2026.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None at this time. The application process will be completed at no cost to the Town.

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

Proceed with submission of the Raw Water Intake Replacement project for supplemental SRP funding to add to the previously awarded Helene funding as advised by Staff and McGill. Council will have last right of refusal for any funding award once letters of intent to fund are written and delivered to the Town.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution to apply for supplemental Helene SRF/SRP water funds for the Raw Water Intake Project

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Town of Valdese has need for and intends to construct and plan for projects described as the Raw Water Intake Relocation and Electrical Substation Resiliency and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Valdese intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE:

That Town of Valdese, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Town of Valdese to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Town of Valdese any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

If applying for a regional project, that the **Applicant** will partner and work with other units of local government or utilities in conducting the project, including the City of Morganton and the Town of Drexel.

That Bo Weichel, Assistant Town Manager, the **Authorized Representative** and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Representative**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

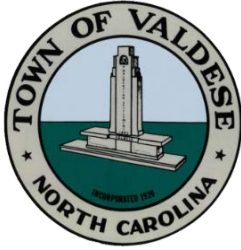
Adopted this the _____ day of September, 2025 at Valdese Town Hall, North Carolina.

FORM FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Valdese does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Council duly held on the 29th day of September, 2025; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of September, 2025.

(Signature of Recording Officer)

(Title of Recording Officer)



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Town of Valdese Town Council
102 Massel Avenue SW, Valdese, NC

Monday, October 6, 2025
6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall, Council Chambers

The Town Council Meeting will be live-streamed on YouTube [@townofvaldese](https://www.youtube.com/@townofvaldese).

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Invocation (Led by the Valdese PD Volunteer Chaplains)**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Informational Items**

- A. Reading Material

5. **Open Forum/Public Comment**

- A. **Resolution of Appreciation** (*Presented by Mayor Watts*)

6. **Consent Agenda**

All items below are considered routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item 7.

- A. Approval of Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025
- B. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025
- C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025
- D. Approval of Lease Agreement at Old Rock School with VEDIC
- E. Approval of Budget Amendment – 4th of July Fireworks
- F. Approval of First Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Land – 800 Pineburr Property
- G. Call for a Public Hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – Special Use Permit, 800 Pineburr Property

7. **New Business**

- A. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization(CDBG-NR) – Funding for Berrytown Waterline Project (*Presented by Kyle Case, WPCOG*)

- B. Adoption of Community Development Block Grant-Infrastructure (CDBG-NR) Documents
(Presented by Kyle Case, WPCOG)
- C. Approval of Ordinance Directing Closure of Property Deemed Imminent Danger
(Presented by Curt Willis, WPCOG)
- D. Capital Project Ordinance – Utility Line Replacement FY 25-26 (Presented by Bo Weichel)
- E. Capital Project Ordinance – Water Plant Bulk Chemical Facility Improvements (Presented by Bo Weichel)
- F. Year-to-Date Financial Results (Presented by Bo Weichel)
- G. Clarification of November and December Council Meetings
 - i. Formal designation of the “Organizational Meeting”
 - ii. Clarification of terms of office and “elects” being sworn in.
 - iii. Relevance of November 10 “Pre-agenda Meeting”
- H. Engagement of Financial Analysis and Modeling Consultant
- I. Consideration of Personnel Policy and Training Recommendations by Town Manager after 5 months on the job.
 - i. Clarification of overtime, compensatory time, and flex time for exempt and non-exempt employees.
 - ii. Personal Use of town vehicles
 - iii. Status of Training: \$25k budget allocation in FY 25, deferred to FY26
- J. Updates of Ongoing or Pending Council Resolutions
 - i. Latest update from NC DOT on 2024 Resurfacing Agreement
 - ii. Lenoir Interconnect Agreement
 - iii. Status of Hoyle Creek Restoration and Path project
 - iv. Mobile Food Service Ordinance
 - v. Pool Cover and ADA Compliance Project and Schedule
 - vi. Public Safety Facility Options, Progress, and Schedule
 - vii. Design-Build Contractor Wall-estimates, per 10-7-24 Council Resolution

8. Town Manager’s Report

- A. Old Colony Players Presents: **Nightfall With Edgar Allan Poe**, October 16-19, 2025, 7:30 p.m. at Old Rock School Auditorium. Visit www.oldcolonyplayers.com for ticket information.
- B. Bluegrass at the Rock: **Authentic Unlimited**, October 11, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.bluegrassattherock.com for ticket information.
- C. **FVR 10 Miler, 5K, 10K, and 1 Miler Trail Run**, Saturday, October 11, 2025, 8:00 a.m. from the parking area.
- D. Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with NC Wildlife, NC Spinal Cord Injury Association, and Waypoint Adventures will host adaptive hikes at Valdese Lakeside Park on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (equipment available for participants with mobility needs).
- E. **Great Trails State Day Celebration** — Valdese Lakeside Parking Area, Saturday, October 18, 2025 • All day

- F. **Twilight Tales on the Trail** will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Pavilion.
- G. **Treats in the Streets**, Friday, October 31, 2025, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- H. Bluegrass at the Rock: **Daniel Grindstaff & The Uptown**, November 1, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.bluegrassattherock.com for ticket information.
- I. **Christmas in November Craft & Gift Show** at the Old Rock School is scheduled Friday, November 7, 2025, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm & Saturday, November 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- J. Next Agenda Review Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Valdese Town Hall
- K. Bring Rock to the Rock with **Chasing Phoenix**, Free concert from rainout with Family Friday Nights, Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., Old Rock School Auditorium
- L. Next Regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Valdese Town Hall

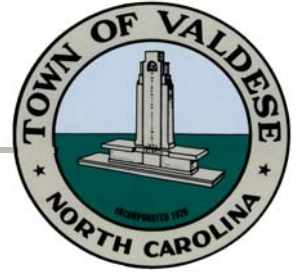
9. Mayor and Council Comments

10. Adjournment

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☐ Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☒ Contract ☐ Discussion ☐ Information Only

To: Town Council

From: Morrissa Anqi - Department of Community Affairs

Subject: Lease Agreement

Meeting: October 6, 2025

Presenter: Consent Agenda

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Lease Agreement for Town Council Consideration

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Lease Agreement: VEDIC has been a tenant of the Old Rock School since 2024. Their office space is on the second floor and they host their monthly meetings in the Waldensian Room. They have been a welcome addition to the facility and often collaborate with Community Affairs in effort to support new Valdese businesses.

Business Information: VEDIC works to promote a thriving North Carolina economy. VEDIC is an Equal Opportunity Lender with programs that include ARC Appalachian Regional Commission, USDA Intermediary Re-Lending Program IRP, USDA Micro-Entrepreneur Assistance Program RMAP, Valdese Revolving Loan Program and the Burke Business Loan Program.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Revenue = \$368 per month totalling \$4,416 annually

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

Staff recommends renewing the lease agreement

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Lease Agreement

Town of Valdese

COUNCIL MEMO



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To: Town Council

From: Morrissa Anqi - Community Affairs Department

Subject: Budget Amendment #1-10

Meeting: October 6, 2025

Presenter: Bo Weichel

ITEM OF INTEREST:

July 4, 2026 Fireworks Cost Increase

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2024, Town Council made the decision to host the annual Independence Day Celebration on July 4th for 2025 and 2026. This change resulted in a budget increase from \$12,500 for the 2024 event up to \$22,000 for this most recent 2025 event.

Management has directed staff to retain the services of JECO Pyrotechnics, LLC DBA Skyworks Pyro (used for the 2025 event) to continue hosting the event on Saturday, July 4, 2026. The fee with Skyworks Pyro for fireworks on 7/4/26 has increased from \$22,000 in 2025 (what was budgeted) to \$23,000 with an additional \$1,716 tariff fee totaling the fireworks cost to \$24,716.

This would result in a necessary budget amendment in the amount of \$2,716.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Budget amendment in the amount of \$2,716

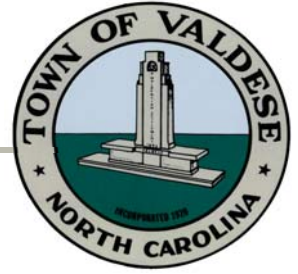
OPTIONS:

ATTACHMENTS:

Amendment #1-10

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To: Valdese Town Council

From: Town Attorney Tim Swanson

Subject: First Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Land - 800 Pineburr Property

Meeting: October 6, 2025

Presenter: Consent Agenda

ITEM OF INTEREST:

First Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Land - 800 Pineburr Ave SE (PIN: 2743136398)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town received an offer to purchase the vacant parcel located at 800 Pineburr Avenue SE. At the April 7, 2025, meeting, Council approved a Resolution Authorizing the Upset Bid Process. Several upset bids were received following the initial offer.

The final bid concluded at \$148,378.25, submitted by East McDowell Street Properties, LLC. The buyer has provided the required 5% deposit. At the June 2, 2025, meeting, Council approved the Agreement for Sale and a Resolution for Sale of Town-owned Property.

The First Amendment extends the examination period through January 15, 2026 and deletes Exhibit B.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Would add \$148,378.25 to the project fund for Public Safety facility.

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

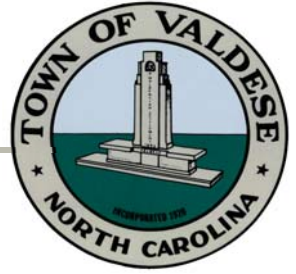
Approve the First Amendment as presented.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

1. Original Agreement to Purchase
2. First Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Land

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To: Valdese Town Council

From: Daniel Odom, WPCOG Planning Manager

Subject: Quasi Judicial Public Hearing -- 800 Pineburr Avenue SE

Meeting: October 6th, 2025

Presenter: Daniel Odom, WPCOG Planning Manager

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Call for Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing to be set for December 8th, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town of Valdese has received a request for a Special Use Permit for 800 Pineburr Avenue SE . Special Use Permit's must follow Quasi-Judicial proceeding requirements as established by N.C. General Statute and the Town of Valdese Zoning Ordinance. These requirements include the scheduling and public notification of the Quasi-Judicial Hearing.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

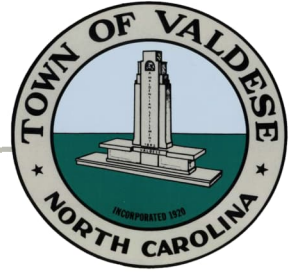
Staff recommend that the Town of Valdese Council call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the Town of Valdese Council Chambers.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

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To: Valdese Town Council

From: Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Subject: Public Hearing - CDBG-NR Funding for Berrytown Waterline Project

Meeting: October 06, 2025

Presenter: Kyle Case, Sherry Long

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Third Public Hearing for NC Commerce CDBG-NR Funding related to the Berrytown Waterline Project

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town of Valdese plans to use CDBG-NR Funding to replace water lines and service lines to low- and moderate-income households along Berry School Avenue, Berrytown Avenue, Berrytown Street, Bost Johnson Avenue, Bost Johnson Avenue Extension, and CV Johnson Drive. Residents in the service area experience low water pressure and inadequate fire safety due to the aging and undersized waterlines as well as outdated service lines. This project will replace service lines to 50 LMI households within the project area and will help maintain existing housing by providing adequate water service delivery to the homes. Additionally, it will save residents money on homeowner insurance rates due to increased fire protection.

The Town of Valdese originally requested \$800,000 through NC Commerce's CDBG-NR program. Due to increased project costs, NC Commerce has awarded the Town an additional \$200,000. Total project CDBG-NR funding is now \$1,000,000. A public hearing is required to notify the public of the additional funding.

These funds will be used in conjunction with \$2,236,775 from the NC DEQ CDBG-I Program. The CDBG-I funds will be used to replace approximately 8,215 LF of existing undersized and aging waterlines as well as fire hydrants to improve water pressure and fire safety in the area.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Increase in funding by \$200,000 - fully funding the project.

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

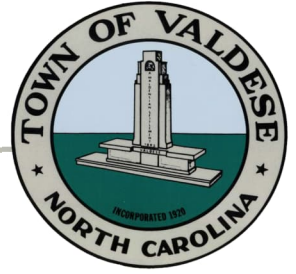
No action required.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

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To: Valdese Town Council

From: Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Subject: Compliance Plans - CDBG-NR Funding for Berrytown Waterline Project

Meeting: October 06, 2025

Presenter: Kyle Case, Sherry Long

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Compliance Plans related to NC Commerce CDBG-NR funding for Berrytown Waterline Project

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town of Valdese has received \$1,000,000 in CDBG-NR Funding to replace water lines and service lines to low- and moderate-income households along Berry School Avenue, Berrytown Avenue, Berrytown Street, Bost Johnson Avenue, Bost Johnson Avenue Extension, and CV Johnson Drive. Residents in the service area experience low water pressure and inadequate fire safety due to the aging and undersized waterlines as well as outdated service lines. This project will replace service lines to 50 LMI households within the project area and will help maintain existing housing by providing adequate water service delivery to the homes. Additionally, it will save residents money on homeowner insurance rates due to increased fire protection.

As a requirement to receive the release of funds from NC Commerce, the following compliance plans must be adopted by the Town of Valdese:

- + Equal Employment Opportunity Plan
- + Procurement Plan
- + Fair Housing Plan
- + Section 3 Plan
- + Section 504 Plan
- + Language Access Plan
- + Analysis of Impediments
- + Undue Hardship Policy and Procedures

BUDGET IMPACT:

Adoption of the compliance plans will finalize release of funds for \$1,000,000 in CDBG-NR grant funds. This will fully fund the Berrytown Waterline Project.

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

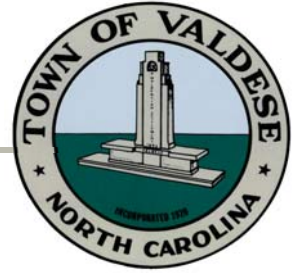
Adoption of all compliance plans.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

All compliance plans. See above.

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To: Valdese Town Council

From: Curt Willis, WPCOG Code Compliance Manager

Subject: Ordinance to Vacate & Close- 508 Pineburr Ave SW

Meeting: October 6, 2025

Presenter: Curt Willis, WPCOG Code Compliance Manager

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Ordinance to Vacate & Close for the property located at 508 Pineburr Ave SW

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The property located at 508 Pineburr Ave SW has a history of violations, most recently, the property owner, Kristina Bolick, and her son are living in a tent/shed on the property. A notice of violation was issued on July 11, 2025 with a hearing held on July 23, 2025 with the owner present. A subsequent Order to Vacate was issued on July 23, 2025 with a deadline to vacate set at September 25, 2025.

Ms. Bolick has been in contact with Homelessness Outreach Team and has options as soon as vacancies become available.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Less than \$500.00 IF the Town has to remove the tent and other structures

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

Recommend passing the ordinance to vacate and close the property Posting the property and enforcing the trespass clause of the ordinance in accordance with GS.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Original Notice of Violation
Order to Vacate and Close
Ordinance to Vacate and Close

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To: Valdese Town Council

From: Bo Weichel, Assistant Town Manager / CFO

Subject: Utility Line Replacement 2025-2026

Meeting: October 6, 2025

Presenter: Bo Weichel

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Setup a capital project ordinance (CPO) for several utility line projects adopted in the FY25-26 CIP budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town of Valdese's adopted FY25-26 Budget included appropriations within the Utility Fund Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to advance critical water and sewer infrastructure replacements. To formally account for and manage these capital funds, it is necessary to establish a Capital Project Ordinance (CPO). This mechanism provides the financial structure required under North Carolina General Statutes to track revenues, appropriations, and expenditures for the life of the project.

The specific project covered under this ordinance carries a total estimated value of \$2,054,000 in the 25-26 fiscal year.

The project consists of multiple line replacements designed to modernize and improve reliability of the utility system.

-Rodoret Street North: Replacement of existing sanitary sewer lines along the backs of residences and replacement of the existing water main line.

-Rodoret Street South (west side): Replacement of an existing sanitary sewer line along the backs of residences.

-Jefferson Avenue NE: Replacement of an existing sanitary sewer line.

-Curville Street NE: Replacement of the existing water main line.

This initial CPO establishes the project in the Town's financial system and authorizes expenditures for professional engineering services. These steps are required to prepare bid documents, secure regulatory permits, and move the project toward construction.

At this stage, the CPO does not yet include construction funding. Once contractor bids are received, evaluated, and accepted by Town Council, the ordinance will be amended to reflect full construction costs and funding sources.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Transfer from the utility fund.

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

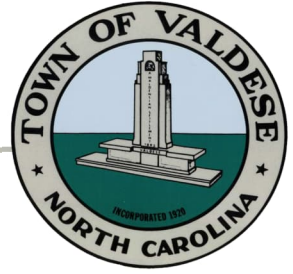
By adopting this CPO, the Town ensures proper accounting for professional engineering services associated with its FY25-26 Utility Fund CIP. This action provides the necessary financial framework to advance the Rodoret, Jefferson, and Curville utility line replacements, while reserving future amendment authority to incorporate actual construction costs.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Capital Project Ordinance #56

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To: Valdese Town Council

From: Bo Weichel, Assistant Town Manager / CFO

Subject: Water Plant Bulk Chemical Facility Improvements

Meeting: October 6, 2025

Presenter: Bo Weichel

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Setup a capital project ordinance (CPO) for the engineering work involved with the replacement of the existing bulk storage chemical tanks, piping, valves, and associated appurtenances for the Aluminum Sulfate feed system and the Caustic feed system.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town's Utility Fund CIP identified the replacement of bulk chemical storage and feed systems at the Water Treatment Plant. The project includes new Aluminum Sulfate and Caustic bulk storage tanks, piping, valves, and appurtenances, along with protective coatings in the existing containment area.

Originally budgeted at \$780,000 for the next FY26–27, this work is recommended to be coordinated with the larger Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project currently under design and funded through the NC Legislature. Combining these efforts will:

- Improve efficiency by packaging work under one construction contract.
- Ensure updated cost estimates are included in the overall project budget.
- Streamline permitting and construction sequencing.
- Limit future disruption to plant operations while ensuring compliance with NCDEQ standards.

Setting up this project for the engineering services will provide the needed cost estimates to incorporate this work into the larger upgrade project that will be bid in a few months.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Transfer from the utility fund.

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS:

Authorize this Project Ordinance to proceed with design and cost estimating services, allowing the Water Plant Bulk Chemical Facility Improvements to be integrated into the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Capital Project Ordinance #57