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### JAMESON CREEK FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Jameson Creek Culvert at Rohnerville Road was constructed over 50 years ago and exceeded its design life. The culvert partially failed in 2015 and was repaired on emergency basis. Since that repair, the City sought a source of funds to replace the culvert and to improve it so that it provides passage to fish and other aquatic species.

In 2017, the City received a $226,000 Fisheries Restoration Grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to complete the design for the replacement of the culvert. The design was completed in 2018. In 2019, the City applied for, and received $2.7M from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Wildlife Conservation Board to construct the project. This project required no funding from the City of Fortuna. The grant funding was possible due to the passage of Prop. 68, the Parks and water Bond Act of 2018.

Construction of the project began in June of 2020 and required the closure of Rohnerville Road through October of this year. Traffic that normally used Rohnerville Road to travel to downtown Fortuna was detoured around the project via Fortuna Boulevard. Construction is now nearly complete and Rohnerville Road will be reopened on Thursday November 5th to through traffic. There will be intermittent single lane closures over the next 1-2 weeks to put the finishing touches on the project.

The City would like to thank the public for their patience during this project, Mercer Fraser Company, which completed the construction of the project and GHD Inc., which provided design engineering services and construction oversight.

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