



Commissioners
Tony Sozinho, President
Blake Wilbur, Vice President
Renee Soto
Ray Fonseca
Brian Nunes

Board of Public Utilities Commissioners Meeting Agenda

Tulare Public Library & Council Chamber
491 North M Street, Tulare CA 93274
www.tulare.ca.gov

Thursday, February 5, 2026
4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Regular meetings of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Council Chamber located in the Tulare Public Library at 491 North M Street, Tulare, subject to cancellation. Additional meetings of the Board may be called as needed.

Attend meetings in person or access the meeting live via YouTube. Those who wish to address the Board are encouraged to complete a public comment card. Each person is permitted three minutes to speak. Depending on the extent of the agenda and the number of persons wishing to speak on an issue, the chair may, at the beginning of the item, limit the time for individual comments. When deemed necessary, the chair may extend the time allowed without objection from the Board.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT** - Members of the public wishing to comment on any item not appearing on the agenda may address the Board at this time. State law prevents the Board from acting on any matter not on the agenda; however, your comments may be referred to staff for follow up. This is also the time for the public to comment on items listed under the Consent Calendar or to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes. Comments related to Public Hearing and General Business items will be heard at the time those items are discussed. In fairness to all who wish to speak, public comment is limited to a total of fifteen minutes with each speaker allowed three minutes, unless otherwise extended by the Board. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.
- 4. COMMUNICATIONS** - Communications are to be submitted to the City Manager's Office ten days prior to a Board meeting to be considered for this section of the agenda. No action will be taken on matters listed under Communications; however, the Board may direct staff to schedule issues raised during Communications for a future agenda.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted in one motion without discussion. If discussion is desired, that item may be removed and considered separately.

5.1 **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.**

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the special and/or regular meeting of January 15, 2026. [D. Smith]

5.2 **Notice of Completion for Project WW0073 - Pond Rehabilitation Project.**

Recommended Action: Accept as complete the contract with Ares Eng, LLC, of Tollhouse, California, for CIP Project WW0073, Pond Rehabilitation Project; authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Notice of Completion and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder’s Office. [T. Whitfield]

5.3 **Capital Improvements Project Dashboard for January 2026.**

Recommended Action: Accept the Capital Improvements Project Dashboard for January 2026. [D. Chimienti]

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS** - Comments related to General Business items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Board.

6.1 **Award Project WT0020 – Well Extension 39, 45, 47 Project.**

Recommended Action: Award and authorize the City Manager to sign contracts related to City Project WT0020, Well Extension 39, 45, 47 Project; authorize the City Manager or designee to approve contract change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of each contract amount and approve the revised budget. [D. Chimienti]

Services	Contractor	Amount
Construction Contract	Valley Pump & Dairy Systems	\$66,650.00
Labor Compliance	Labor Consultants of California	\$8,287.50

7. **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners is Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 491 North M Street, Tulare.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING AGENDA

I hereby certify, in conformance with Government Code Sections 54954.2, this agenda was posted in the kiosk at the front of City Hall, 411 E. Kern Avenue, as well as on the City of Tulare’s website (www.tulare.ca.gov).

POSTED: Friday, January 30, 2026


Diana Smith, Deputy City Clerk

**CITY OF TULARE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tulare Public Library & Council Chamber
491 North M Street, Tulare**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026
4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Proper notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: President Tony Sozinho
Vice President Blake Wilbur
Commissioner Ray Fonseca
Commissioner Brian Nunes
Commissioner Renee Soto

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Thomas W. Gaffery IV; Assistant City Attorney Megan Crouch; Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield; Chief Financial Officer Mark Roberts; Public Works Business Manager Andrew Bettencourt; Administration Analyst Diana Smith; Solid Waste Manager Art Avila

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Sozinho called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 491 North M Street.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Commissioner Nunes led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by Commissioner Soto.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Fonseca, seconded by Vice President Wilbur, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

5.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the special and/or regular meetings of December 18, 2025. [D. Smith]

5.2 Public Works Performance Reports for December 2025.

Recommended Action: Receive the Public Works performance reports for December 2025. [A. Bettencourt]

5.3 Monthly Investments Report.

Recommended Action: Accept the monthly investments report for September and October 2025. [M. Roberts]

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Purchase of Two Electric Refuse Trucks.

Recommended Action: Authorizing an increase of up to \$1,829,000 to the Fleet Replacement Fund appropriation and use of the fund balance in the Fleet Replacement Fund for the purchase of a McNeilus Volterra ZSL electric Automated Side Loader refuse truck and a McNeilus Volterra ZFL electric Front Loader refuse truck from Haaker Refuse, of Tulare, CA, using Sourcewell Contract #110223-MCN. Adopt a resolution approving the appropriation of \$1,829,000 and use of the fund balance from the Fleet Replacement Fund for the purchase.

Presented By: Public Works Business Manager Bettencourt

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Action: The Board posed several questions, all of which were addressed by staff. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding the differences between electric vehicle trucks and current fleet vehicles. Public Works Business Manager Bettencourt further noted that this purchase will assist the City in evaluating future needs as it moves toward a full transition to electric vehicles. It was moved by Commissioner Nunes, seconded by Commissioner Soto, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

7. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Items of interest were discussed amongst the Board and staff.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to discuss, President Sozinho adjourned the regular meeting at 4:33 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 15, 2026, as approved by the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners.

Marc Mondell, City Clerk

By Diana Smith, Deputy City Clerk



Staff Report

Meeting: Board of Public Utilities Commissioners

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: Public Works - Wastewater

Submitted by: Trisha Whitfield, Public Works Director

Agenda Title: Notice of Completion for Project WW0073 - Pond Rehabilitation Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept as complete the contract with Ares Eng, LLC, of Tollhouse, California, for CIP Project WW0073, Pond Rehabilitation Project; authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Notice of Completion and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder’s Office.

SUMMARY

On October 16, 2025, the Board awarded a contract to Ares Eng, LLC, of Tollhouse, California, in the amount of \$242,000.00 for the Pond Rehabilitation Project. There are eight percolation ponds, numbered Ponds 5-12, that are located on the south side of Paige Avenue and that store the effluent water produced by the WWTP. The project scope consisted of furnishing all labor, materials and equipment necessary to restore the functionality of ponds 11 and 12, including the rehabilitation of the sloped walls, access roads, and associated outfalls.

All work required of Ares Eng, LLC under this contract has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. The contractor has also provided the required Maintenance Bond in the amount equal to 10% of the final contract amount.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUNDING SOURCES

This project was funded by Sewer/Wastewater CIP funds (Fund 406-100-500-100-000-00-5698).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action does not constitute a “project” pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Staff is not aware of any conflicts of interest.

LEGAL REVIEW

This item did not require legal review.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This item does not require a public hearing and was noticed as a part of the agenda.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Approve with changes
2. Deny - Should the BPU deny the request to accept as complete the contract with Ares Eng LLC at this time, it will prevent the City from releasing payment of the retention amount owed to the Contractor and prevent the City from filing a Notice of Completion with the County. This also would postpone the start of the 1-year maintenance bond on the project. Without specific written findings justifying the delay in payment, the City could open itself up to litigation for damages caused by the delay.
3. Table

ATTACHMENTS

1. Notice of Completion

Reviewed/Approved: 

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

City of Tulare

AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

City Clerk
City of Tulare
411 East Kern Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274-4257

**PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6103,
NO RECORDING FEE REQUIRED.**

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. The City of Tulare, a Municipal Corporation, whose address is 411 East Kern Avenue, Tulare, California, is the owner of the real property, public works, or structure hereinafter described.
2. The nature of the title of the stated owner is: In fee
3. On the 5th day of February, 2026, a work of improvement on real property hereinafter described was completed pursuant to a contract to which Title 15 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code applies.
4. The name of the Contractor who performed said work of improvements pursuant to such contract with the City of Tulare is Ares Eng, LLC, whose address is 28541 Burrough North Rd., Tollhouse, CA 93667. The surety on said contract is Lexon Insurance Company.
5. The real property or public works or structure is described as follows:

Project No. WW0073 – Pond Rehabilitation Project

Dated: _____, 2026

CITY OF TULARE
A Municipal Corporation,

By: _____
Trisha Whitfield, Public Works Director

VERIFICATION:

I am the Public Works Director of the City of Tulare and am authorized to make this verification on behalf of the City. I have read the foregoing Notice of Completion, know the contents thereof, and believe it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, 2026 at Tulare, California.

By: _____
Trisha Whitfield, Public Works Director



Staff Report

Meeting: Board of Public Utilities Commissioners

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: Engineering Services - Project Management

Submitted by: Dylan Chimienti, Project Manager

Agenda Title: Capital Improvements Project Dashboard for January 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept the Capital Improvements Project Dashboard for January 2026.

SUMMARY

On December 16, 2014, the Tulare City Council adopted the Tulare Project Management System Program Policy (TPMS). The goal of the TPMS is to help the City accomplish significant projects on time, within budget, and in accordance with each project's clearly defined scope. The TPMS utilizes a systematic approach to project management with the following goals:

- Establish consistency in how projects are managed,
- Create department 5-year project plans,
- Improve pre-planning and preparation,
- Identify and implement management policies and procedures,
- Improve project cost tracking and project delivery,
- Formalize and improve project reporting, and
- Review and evaluate project successes or failures upon completion in order to improve on future projects.

Pursuant to the City Council's request, staff provides quarterly Capital Improvement Project Dashboards for all major capital projects that fall under City Council's purview. The dashboard provides a visual summary of the overall progress of the projects so that City Council is aware of their status. The dashboards identify the project number, project title, project phase, project manager, start date, end date, budget, expenditures/encumbrances, and special notes regarding the status and/or issues affecting the project.

The attached Capital Improvements Project Dashboard reflects the quarterly status of active projects as of April 2024. The dashboard uses a color metric for the completion status graphic (pie chart) that reflects the phase each project is in. *BLUE* shading indicates that the project is in the Design phase, *GREEN* shading indicates that the project is in the Environmental or Right-of-Way Acquisition phase, and *ORANGE* shading indicates that the project is in the Construction or Implementation phase.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUNDING SOURCES

Receipt and approval of the Capital Improvement Project Dashboard will not result in any fiscal impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action does not constitute a 'project' pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Staff are not aware of any conflicts of interest

LEGAL REVIEW

This item does not require legal review.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This item does not require a public hearing and was noticed as a part of the agenda.

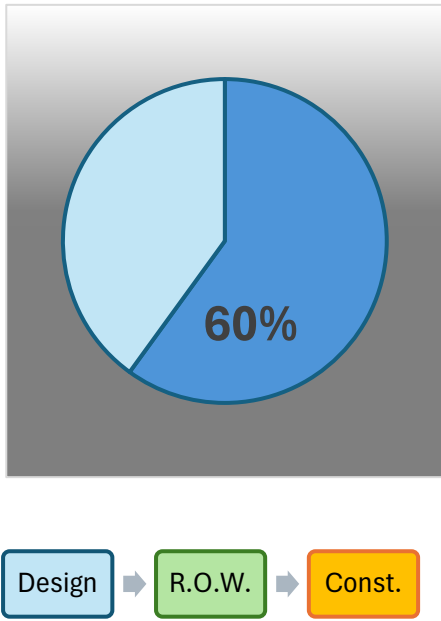
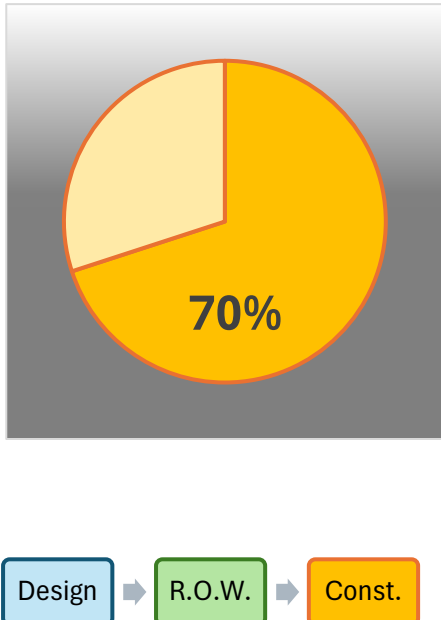
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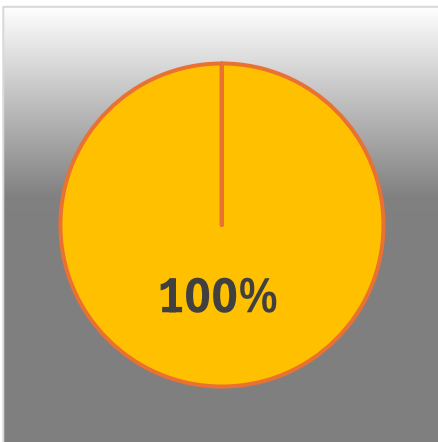
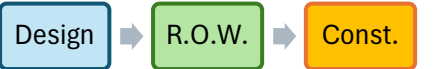
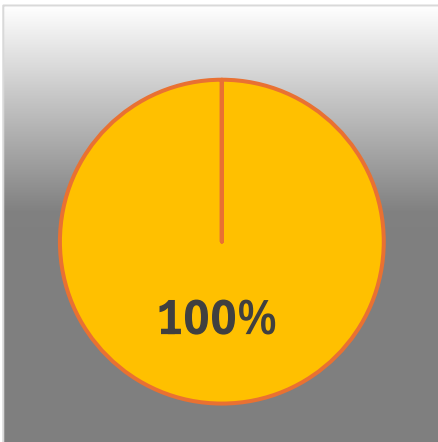
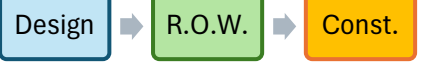
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2. Deny – Action would not result in any notable impact.
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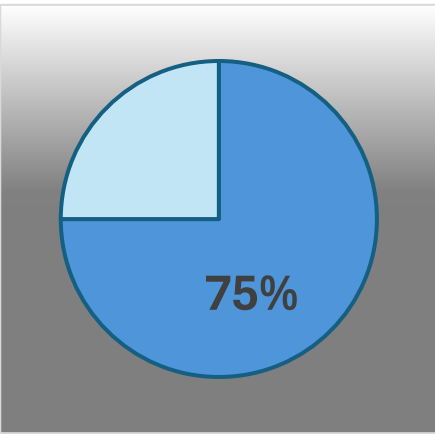
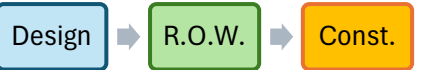
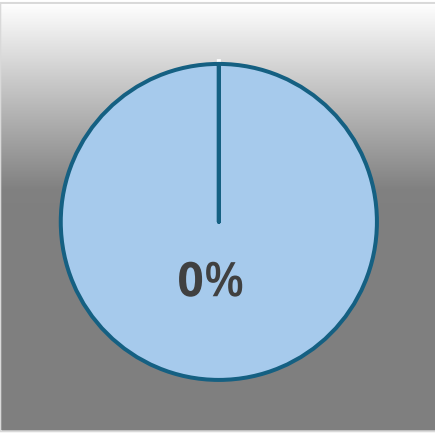
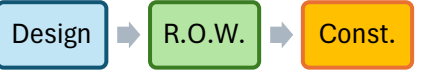
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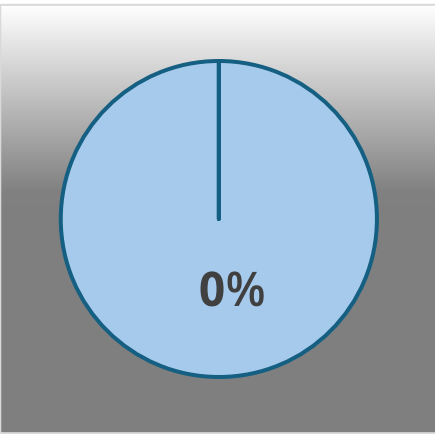
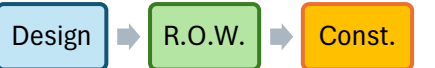
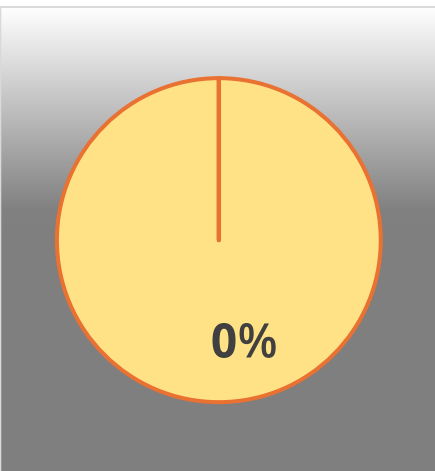
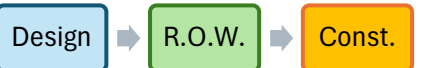
1. Capital Improvement Project Dashboard as of January 2026.

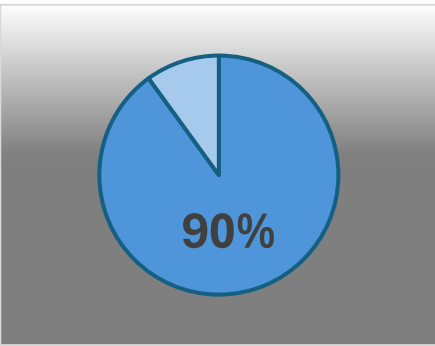
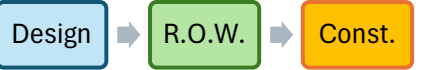
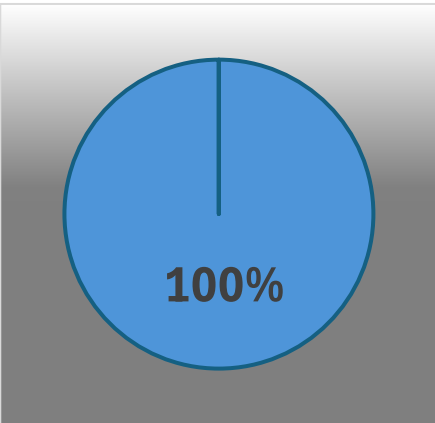
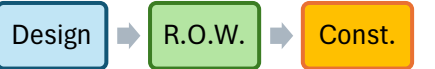
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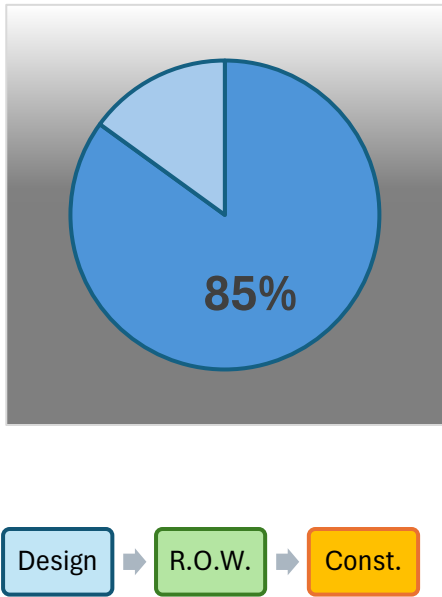
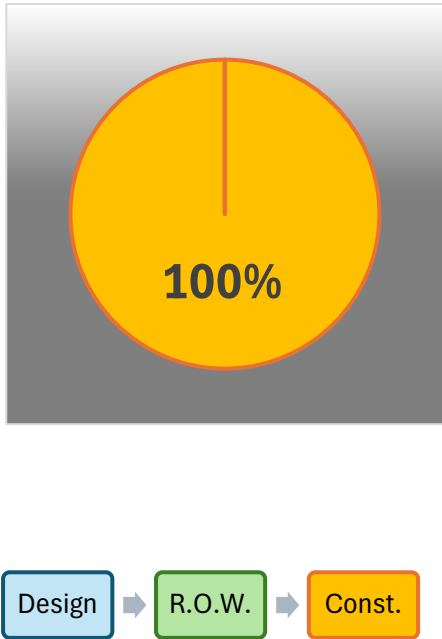
Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WT0030: Annual Meter Replacement	District(s): All	Transition from 3G automated meter read (AMR) water meters to 4G advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) water meters, which allows for radio transmission reads of water consumption tracking and billing data information.	Average replacement of 150 meters/month. Approximately 60% of meters have been replaced – 12,239 have been replaced to date.	Total budget: \$3,469,168 Contract Amount: N/A Contract Working Days: N/A Estimated Completion: Ongoing	
	Division: Water				
	Project Manager: Jan Bowen				
	Engineer: N/A				
	Contractor: Caliber Contracting Services				
	Funding: ARPA Federal Grand, Park DIF, Other General Fund CIP				
Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WW0065: Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering	District(s): All	This project will add to the existing industrial dewatering system. Adding a third drying drum and a sludge equalization tank increases the operating time and capacity of the dewatering facility. This also improves the quality of the biosolids through the more efficient dewatering process.	Construction: The contractor is currently completing the site piping, installing the movement joints, and setting up the catwalk and handrails. Afterward, they will install the shade structure and light poles, then move on to painting and coating.	Total budget: \$1,837,800 Contract Amount: \$1,388,000 Contract Working Days: 280 Estimated Completion: Summer 2026	
	Division: Wastewater				
	Project Manager: Dylan Chimienti				
	Engineer: Provost & Prichard				
	Contractor: WM Lyles				
	Funding: 615 Sewer/Wastewater CIP Funds				

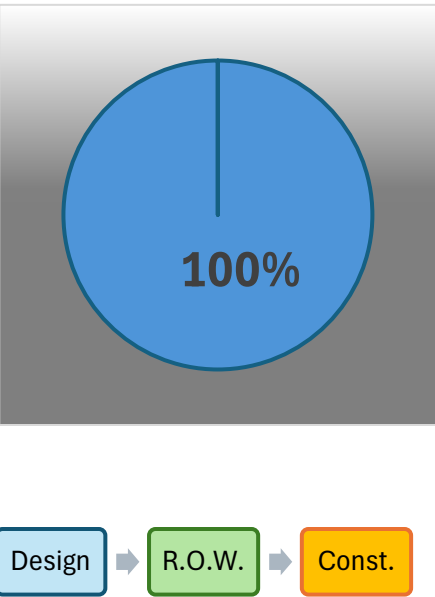
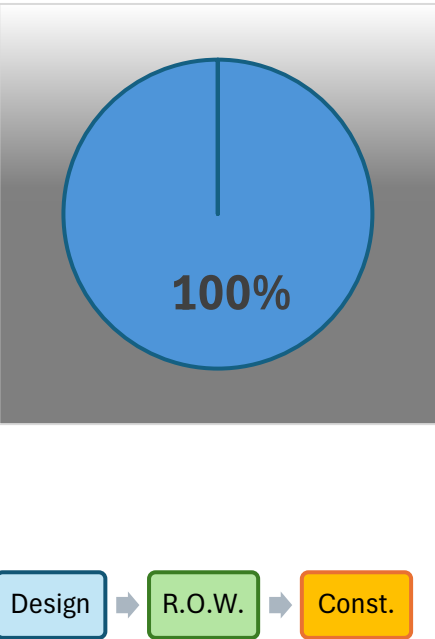
Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WT0040: Well 4-3 SRF Grant Project (Matheny Well and Pipeline)	District(s): All	Funded by a SRF grant from the State as a result of the Matheny Tract connection to the City water system. The project includes construction of a new City well 4-3 (per the Carollo Matheny/Soultz Technical Memorandum) and extending the 12" mainline from Well 14 north up I Drive to Matheny Tract.	Construction: All construction and closout activities have been completed. The Notice of Completion was taken to BPU on December 4, 2025. Staff is working with the State to receive reimbursement funds through the SRF grant. To date, the City has received \$5,316,839 in reimbursements, with another final reimbursement request of \$791,318 pending approval and completion report.	Total budget: \$8,061,402 Contract Amount: \$5,213,345 Contract Working Days: 270 Estimated Completion: Fall 2025	 
	Division: Wastewater				
	Project Manager: Dylan Chimienti				
	Engineer: Cannon				
	Contractor: Prieto Water Well Drilling (well drilling). WM Lyles (well equipping)				
	Funding: Water CIP Funds				
Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WT0050: GIS System	District(s): All	Creation of a GIS system for the City of Tulare utility departments.	The GIS mapping project was completed in June 2025.	Total budget: \$600,000 Contract Amount: \$600,000 Contract Working Days: Ongoing Estimated Completion: 2025	 
	Division: Public Works				
	Project Manager: Jason Bowling				
	Engineer: Cannon				
	Contractor: Geographic Technologies Group				
	Funding: Water CIP, Sewer CIP, Storm Drain CIP, Solid Wate CIP				

Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WT0049: Water Meter Infrastructure Upgrade	District(s): All	Install antenna and related equipment for radio transmission reads of 4G water meters. Explore repeater signals, and determine long-term strategy in maximizing 4G water meter technology.	Core of the system is installed. All street signal-light based repeaters are installed. Six additional identified locations have been constructed and repeaters installed. More sites may be needed to address areas with weak or intermittent signal testing system looking for repeater locations is ongoing.	Total budget: \$344,500 Contract Amount: \$344,500 Contract Working Days: Ongoing Estimated Completion: 2025	 
	Division: Water				
	Project Manager: Jan Bowen				
	Engineer: N/A				
	Contractor: Master Meter				
	Funding: Water CIP				
Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WT0033: Groundwater Recharge Basin	District(s): N/A	Reviewing possible groundwater basin locations for future use. Coordination with Tulare Irrigation District.	Exploring locations and waiting for revised Water Master Plans.	Total budget: \$400,000 Contract Amount: TBD Contract Working Days: TBD Estimated Completion: TBD	 
	Division: Water				
	Project Manager: Trisha Whitfield				
	Engineer: TBD				
	Contractor: TBD				
	Funding: Water CIP				

Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WW0047: WWTP Facility Upgrades	District(s): N/A	This project is for planning and upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Facility improvements. Upgrade existing wastewater treatment facility administration building and related structures for additional office space and laboratory improvements.	Domestic Plant Expansion may also include funding for new/upgraded administration building. WW Facilities Plan awarded to Carollo in October 2024 and completed by January 2026 with the draft report. This will make the recommendations for the basis of design for the Domestic Plant Expansion.	Total budget: TBD Contract Amount: TBD Contract Working Days: TBD Estimated Completion: 2027	 
	Division: WWTP				
	Project Manager: Trisha Whitfield				
	Engineer: TBD				
	Contractor: TBD				
	Funding: Sewer CIP				
Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WT0056: Well 50 (well 1 Replacement)	District(s): 1	Construction of a new water well to replace existing Well #1 at the same site.	Well Equipping: A bid opening was held on November 20, 2025. The lowest responsive bid was from Unified Field Services of Bakersfield, CA. The bid was awarded by BPU on December 4, 2025. City staff and the contractor held a preconstruction meeting on January 14, 2026. The tentative start date is February 2, 2026.	Total budget: \$4,630,000 Contract Amount: \$589,300 (drilling) \$3,372,133 (equipping estimate) Contract Working Days: 65 (drilling) 240 (equipping) Estimated Completion: 2027	 
	Division: Water				
	Project Manager: Dylan Chimienti				
	Engineer: Carollo				
	Contractors: South Valley Companies (drilling). Unified Field Service Corporation (Equipping)				
	Funding: Water CIP				

Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
WT0055: Highway 99 Water Crossing at Washington Ave.	District(s): 4	Construction of a water main under Highway 99 between Prosperity and Cartmill.	The ROW acquisition for properties east and west of Highway 99 is complete. On 1/5/2026, Applied Earthworks completed its environmental review. City staff is coordinating with David Larsen and EPA regarding the work plan and funding schedule. The Caltrans encroachment permit process began on 1/14/2026. Currently in the design phase 90%.	Total budget: \$2,100,000 Contract Amount: TBD Contract Working Days: TBD Estimated Completion: TBD	
	Division: Water				
	Project Manager: Bryan Cahill	This project has been identified in the Water Master Plan and is needed to help loop the system on the north side of Tulare. This project will need to occur with development of Cartmill.			
	Engineer: Provost & Prichard				
	Contractor: TBD				
	Funding: Water CIP & Water DIF				
					
Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
EN0088: Prosperity and West Traffic Signal Project	District(s): 1&2	Expansion project to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Prosperity and West.	Design: City staff is working with SCE on the utility pole relocation. At the beginning of January 2026, the City had its surveyor stake out the right of way location for SCE. Once SCE begins its relocation, the City will advertise the project for bids. Staff anticipates advertising in mid-February 2026.	Total budget: \$3,486,840 Contract Amount: TBD Contract Working Days: TBD Estimated Completion: TBD	
	Division: Engineering				
	Project Manager: Dylan Chimienti	Includes ROW acquisition to allow placement of facilities at their ultimate location. Includes ADA concrete work, sewer water, storm drain, and TID facilities.			
	Engineer: QK				
	Contractor: TBD				
	Funding: Measure R, Gas Tax, Water CIP, Sewer CIP				
					

Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
EN0093: Prosperity and J St Intersection Improvements	District(s): 2&4	CRISI Grant funded project to add protected left movements for E/bound & W/bound traffic at Prosperity and J Street, add a pre-signal in advance of the UPRR crossing, and install ADA compliant pedestrian improvements.	Design: Design and coordination with Union Pacific Railroad is ongoing	Total budget: \$2,800,000	
	Division: Engineering				
	Project Manager: Bryan Cahill				
	Engineer: Peters Engineering Group				
	Contractor: TBD				
	Funding: Gas Tax (HUTA), CRISI Grant				
EN0095: Academy and Apricot Improvements	District(s): 4	Pavement Management System / Utility project on Apricot Ave. between Gem St. and Blackstone St.; Academy Ave. between Gem St. and Blackstone Ave.; Pine Dr. between Academy Ave. and Highland St.; E. La Mesa Dr. between Academy Ave. and Blackstone St.; N. Gem St. between San Joaquin Ave. and Academy Ave.; Highland St. between San Joaquin Ave. and the Santa Fe Trail; and Olympic Ct. at Apricot Ave. Includes ADA Concrete work, Water, Sewer and Surface Water facilities.	Construction: All construction activities have been completed. Staff is working with the contractor on project closeout. Pending the contractor's labor compliance obligations, final contract amount less retention, and the provision of the warranty bond.	Total budget: \$12,741,517	
Division: Engineering					
Project Manager: Dylan Chimienti					
Engineer: 4Creeks					
Contractor: Dawson-Mauldin					
Funding: Gas Tax (RMRA/HUTA), Water CIP, Sewer CIP, Streets CIP, Storm Drain CIP					
				Contract Amount: \$10,180,224	
				Contract Working Days: 280	
				Estimated Completion: 2025	

Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
EN0098: Tulare/Dayton St Improvements	District(s): 3	Pavement Management System / Utility project on Academy Ave. between Dayton St. and Laspina St; Stanley Dr. between Lane St. and Academy Ave.; La Mesa Ave. between Dayton St. and Spruce St.; Burton Ave. east of Lane St.; Miracle Ct.; Dayton St. between Tulare Ave. and La Mesa Ave.; Lane St. between Tulare Ave. and Burton Ave.; and Canby St. between Tulare Ave. and the Santa Fe Trail. Includes ADA Concrete work, Water, Sewer and Surface Water facilities.	Design: Staff is working with the design engineer to finalize plans and specifications. Staff will publish the request for bids in February 2026.	Total budget: \$8,492,314 Contract Amount: TBD Contract Working Days: TBD Estimated Completion: 2027	
	Division: Engineering				
	Project Manager: Bryan Cahill				
	Engineer: Peters Engineering Group				
	Contractor: TBD				
	Funding: Gas Tax (RMRA), Water CIP, Sewer CIP, Storm Drain CIP				
Project Name	Contacts	Discription	Progress Update	Project Budget	Phase Completion
EN0099: Mt. View St Improvements	District(s): 5	Pavement Management System / Utility project on Tulare Ave./Cheryl Lane Alley between Canby St. and Mt. View St.; Cheryl Lane at Laspina St.; Academy Ave. between Laspina St. and Mt. View St.; Burton Ave. west of Laspina to east of Mt. View St.; Eastgate Ave. west of Laspina St. to Mt. View St.; Vineland Ave. between Laspina St. and Mt. View St.; and Fairwind Ct. at Vineland Ave. Includes ADA Concrete work, Water, Sewer and Surface Water facilities.	Design All design and bid specifications are finalized. Construction for this project will start once EN0098 is completed, as that project lays the groundwork for the new utility alignment.	Total budget: \$7,470,575 Contract Amount: TBD Contract Working Days: TBD Estimated Completion: TBD	
	Division: Engineering				
	Project Manager: Dylan Chimienti				
	Engineer: 4Creeks				
	Contractor: TBD				
	Funding: Gas Tax (RMRA), Water CIP, Sewer CIP, Streets CIP, Storm Drain CIP				



Staff Report

Meeting: Board of Public Utilities Commissioners

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: Engineering Services - Project Management

Submitted by: Dylan Chimienti, Project Manager

Agenda Title: Award Project WT0020 – Well Extension 39, 45, 47 Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Award and authorize the City Manager to sign contracts related to City Project WT0020, Well Extension 39, 45, 47 Project; authorize the City Manager or designee to approve contract change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of each contract amount and approve the revised budget.

Services	Contractor	Amount
Construction Contract	Valley Pump & Dairy Systems	\$66,650.00
Labor Compliance	Labor Consultants of California	\$8,287.50

SUMMARY

Public Works project No. WT0020 includes extending City of Tulare Domestic Water Wells 39, 45, and 47 to provide additional water coverage over the bowls. Well #39, located within the Del Lago subdivision, will be extended by 40 feet with an 8-inch column pipe T&C .279, along with a 2.5-inch by 1.25-inch tube and shaft. Well #45 along I Street at Inyo Avenue will be extended 60 feet using NSF 61 epoxy-coated 10-inch column pipe .279, a 2.5-inch by 1.5-inch NSF-61 epoxy-coated tube and shaft. Well #47, located within the Willow Glen subdivision, will also be extended 60 feet with NSF 61 epoxy-coated 10-inch column pipe .279, a 2.5-inch by 1.5-inch NSF-61 epoxy-coated tube and shaft.

A detailed breakdown of the construction contracts required for the subject project is as follows:

1. Construction Contract: Valley Pump and Dairy Systems

Request for bids #26-833 for well extensions of wells 39, 45, and 47 was initially advertised on December 11, 2025, and remained open for 30 days. On January 12, 2026, four bids were received, with prices ranging from \$66,650 to \$127,020. The project sheet for WT0020 was officially approved by BPU within the 2023-2028 transportation and utility (CIP) program budget on June 20, 2023. Valley Pump and Dairy Systems Inc. submitted the most competitive bid at \$66,650 and holds current, valid General Engineering Contractor licenses issued by the State of California. After careful evaluation, all bids met the specified requirements and instructions, ensuring a transparent and competitive process.

The bid opening results are as follows:

- Valley Pump & Dairy Systems \$66,650.00
- Kaweah Pump \$67,250.00
- S.A. Camp \$83,916.00
- Arsenal Well Drilling \$127,020.00

2. Labor Compliance Monitoring: Labor Consultants of California

This project is subject to Prevailing Wage requirements. To ensure proper wages are paid and accounted for in accordance with ever-changing state and federal requirements, it will be necessary to monitor labor compliance for contractors and consultants subject to these

requirements. Due to the complexities involved, the City lacks the necessary expertise and resources to perform this work.

Labor Consultants of California, based in Hanford, CA, is included on the list of pre-qualified On-Call Labor Compliance Monitoring consultants. The company has demonstrated in its proposal that it possesses the necessary skills, expertise, and resources to meet the City's needs and timeframe for completing the project work. Labor Consultants of California has reviewed the scope of this project and proposes to perform the necessary services on a time-and-materials basis, not to exceed \$8,287.50, in accordance with the provisions of their on-call contract. This amount is in line with industry standards and aligns with the City's experience on projects with similar scopes of work.

Staff recommends awarding and authorizing the City Manager or their designee to sign contracts for the City Project WT0020, Well Extensions 39, 45, and 47. Additionally, staff recommends authorizing the City Manager or their designee to approve contract change orders up to 10% of each contract's amount and approve the revised budget.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUNDING SOURCES

The project has an annual budget of \$300,000 from Water CIP Fund 407. While the actual construction costs were lower than the engineers' estimates, revisions to the project sheet are required to cover additional expenses. These revisions will include funding for a labor compliance consultant, project management time, and a contingency fund. The revised project sheet is attached, and the necessary funds will be allocated from the existing budget, so no additional appropriation is needed.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15302(c) Replacement or Reconstruction.

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Staff is not aware of any conflicts of interest.

LEGAL REVIEW

Subsequent contract approval to be reviewed by the City Attorney.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A notice of inviting bids was published in *The Visalia Times-Delta* on December 11, 2025, and December 18, 2025, which is at least 30 days prior to the public hearing.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Approve with changes
2. Deny – Should the Board elect to reject all bids for the project, direct staff to rebid the project at a later date.
3. Table

ATTACHMENTS

1. Valley Pump & Dairy Systems Bid Sheet
2. Labor Consultants of California Labor Compliance Proposal
3. Bid Opening Results
4. Revised Project Sheet

Reviewed/Approved: 

BID SCHEDULE

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
Well #39					
1.	Mobilization and Demobilization			LUMP SUM	\$ <u>5,500.00</u>
2.	Furnish and install column, tube, and shaft.	40	LF	\$ <u>156.25</u>	\$ <u>6,250.00</u>
TOTAL BID \$					<u>11,750.00</u>
Well #45					
3.	Mobilization and Demobilization			LUMP SUM	\$ <u>7,500.00</u>
4.	Furnish and install NSF-61 certified epoxy coated column, tube, and shaft.	60	LF	\$ <u>332.50</u>	\$ <u>19,950.00</u>
TOTAL BID \$					<u>27,450.00</u>
Well #47					
5.	Mobilization and Demobilization			LUMP SUM	\$ <u>7,500.00</u>
6.	Furnish and install NSF-61 certified epoxy coated column, tube, and shaft.	60	LF	\$ <u>332.50</u>	\$ <u>19,950.00</u>
TOTAL BID \$					<u>27,450.00</u>

The Total Bid Amount is (in words):

Sixty Six thousand, six hundred and Fifty
and 0 Cents

Dollars

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE AND PROPOSAL SHEETS

CF - Cubic Foot (Feet)	SACK(S) - Sack(s)
CY - Cubic Yard(s)	STAYD - Station Yard(s)
EA - Each	SF - Square Foot (Feet)
LB(s) - Pound(s)	SY - Square Yard(s)
LF - Linear Foot (Feet)	TN - Ton(s)
LS - Lump Sum	MGAL - Million Gallon(s)
(F) - Final Pay Quantity*	(S) - Specialty Item
(S-F) - Specialty Item and Final Pay Quantity*	(F&I) - Furnish and Install



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Labor Compliance Proposal for City of Tulare
WT0020 Well Extension 39, 45, 47 Project

Labor Consultants of California's hourly rate for services for the abovementioned project is charged at \$85.00 per hour **not to exceed 30 hours per month**. The following is an estimated breakdown for the WT0020 Well Extension 39, 45, 47 project for an estimated 3.25 months (65 working days).

Total Consultant Hours for Project:
30 hours per month @ \$85.00 per hour @ 3.25 months: \$8,287.50

(Consultant hours includes monitoring of State prevailing wage requirements and labor compliance for the project including preparation of labor standard forms, applicable state wage determinations, attendance at preconstruction meeting (if requested), ensuring compliance with wage rates and classifications, review of all certified payrolls, labor consultation and correspondences with the City of Tulare, interested parties and project contractors, report writing, worker on-site interviews, project related expenses such as travel to the job site, printing cost and use of telephone, fax, computer and other business related materials)

Additional Consulting Services for Extended Work Exceeding the Estimated Duration of the Project

Additional consulting services provided by Labor Consultants of California if needed shall be charged \$85.00 per hour. If such services are desired, Consultant's invoice shall include the number of hours worked with a brief description of the type of work provided.

Richard Perez, Owner/Principal
Labor Compliance Manager

Date

Dylan Chimienti, Project Manager
City of Tulare

Date



BID OPENING

CITY OF TULARE

PROJECT WT0020 - RFB 26-833 - Well Extension 39, 45, 47
 Monday, January 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
 Engineer's Estimate: \$70,000

	NAME OF COMPANY	CITY	BASE BID AMOUNT
1	SA Camp	Bakersfield	\$ 83,910
2	Valley Pump	Tulare	\$ 60,450
3	General Well Drilling	Visalia	\$ 127,020
4	Kaweah Pump	Visalia	\$ 67,250
5			\$
6			\$
7			\$
8			\$
9			\$
10			\$

ATTESTED AND OPENED BY: *D. Sit*
 CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK

WITNESS: *[Signature]*

RECORDED: *[Signature]*

WITNESS: _____

BIDS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND VERIFICATION. THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT, IF AWARDED,
 WILL BE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE RESPONSIVE BIDDER BASED ON THE BASE BID
 AMOUNT WHOSE BID COMPLIES WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED.

2025 - 2030 CIP Water	
PROJECT #:	WT0020
Well Rehabilitation Projects	
(Capital)	
(Annual)	
District(s):	All

PROJECT MANAGER: Tim Doyle

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & PURPOSE: Rehabilitate and upgrade equipment at various well sites.

KEY POINTS: Funding is for 2 well sites/year. Rehabilitation includes cleaning of well, patch casing breaks, air lift, replacing submersible pumps with vertical turbine pumps, and replacing the column, tube, shaft and bowls.

PROJECT STATUS: Ongoing

PROJECTED START DATE: 7/1/2015

PROJECTED END DATE: 6/30/2030

FUTURE M & O: The ongoing M&O expense related to this project is already included in Water Division's annual M&O budget.
(Additional Cost & Department Responsibility)

CRITERIA (1-8): Criteria 7: Project addresses regulatory, safety, or environmental requirements that could threaten in whole or in part the City's ability to operate a core program or function at some future time if not replaced or repaired.

Costs Description	Prior Fiscal Years	Fiscal Year 2024/2025		Future Fiscal Years					Total	Unfunded
		To Date	Remaining Year	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030		
216 - 2015/2016 Capital Project	\$71,984.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,984.58	\$0.00
217 - 2016/2017 Capital Project	\$225,885.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225,885.01	\$0.00
218 - 2017/2018 Capital Project	\$215,496.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215,496.50	\$0.00
219 - 2018/2019 Capital Project	\$279,880.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$279,880.13	\$0.00
220 - 2019/2020 Capital Project	\$211,638.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$211,638.91	\$0.00
221 - 2020/2021 Capital Project	\$325,738.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325,738.94	\$0.00
222 - 2021/2022 Capital Project	\$47,694.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,694.59	\$0.00
223 - 2022/2023 Capital Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
224 - 2023/2024 Capital Project	\$195,438.65	\$294,437.19	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$493,275.84	\$0.00
225 - 2024/2025 Capital Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
226 - 2025/2026 Capital Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.04	\$0.00
0600 - Construction/Labor & Materials Costs	\$0.00			\$255,348.40					\$255,348.40	
0205 - Labor Compliance				\$8,288.00						
0996 - Project Mgmt Time				\$10,000.00						
0999 - Contingency	\$0.00			\$26,363.64					\$26,363.64	

227 - 2026/2027 Capital Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00
0600 - Construction/Labor & Materials Costs	\$0.00				\$335,000.00				\$335,000.00	
0999 - Contingency	\$0.00				\$15,000.00				\$15,000.00	
228 - 2027/2028 Capital Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00
0600 - Construction/Labor & Materials Costs	\$0.00					\$335,000.00			\$335,000.00	
0999 - Contingency	\$0.00					\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00	
229 - 2028/2029 Capital Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00
0600 - Construction/Labor & Materials Costs	\$0.00						\$335,000.00		\$335,000.00	
0999 - Contingency	\$0.00						\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
230 - 2029/2030 Capital Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00
0600 - Construction/Labor & Materials Costs	\$0.00							\$335,000.00	\$335,000.00	
0999 - Contingency	\$0.00							\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
Total Costs:	\$1,573,757.31	\$294,437.19	\$3,400.00	\$300,000.04	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$3,571,594.54	\$0.00
Funding Sources	Prior Fiscal Years	Fiscal Year 2024/2025		Future Fiscal Years					Total	Unfunded
		To Date	Remaining Year	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030		
Fund 610 - Water CIP	\$1,573,757.31	\$294,437.19	\$3,400.00	\$300,000.04	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$3,571,594.54	\$0.00
									\$0.00	\$0.00
									\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funding:	\$1,573,757.31	\$294,437.19	\$3,400.00	\$300,000.04	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$3,571,594.54	\$0.00
G/L #'s:		623-4623-6840								
Notes:		2025-2030 CIP. Annual project.								