



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/08/2026

Amendment 14 for Capital Improvements

Department:	Utilities
Presenter:	Wes Byne, Director
Caption:	Approve Amendment 14 for capital improvements at the J. B. Messerly Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated budget amendments.
Background:	Augusta Utilities is requesting approval of Amendment 14 to advance critical capital improvements at the J. B. Messerly Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated wastewater facilities. The amendment will allocate approximately \$18 million in available bond funding for priority projects designed to rehabilitate aging infrastructure, improve treatment processes, maintain regulatory compliance, and enhance system reliability and capacity. The improvements include rehabilitation of Digesters 4 and 5, emergency pond liner repairs, additional biosolids dewatering equipment, aeration improvements, pump upgrades, and other essential facility improvements.
Analysis:	Approval of Amendment 14 will allow Augusta Utilities to move forward with priority capital projects through Azuria/Inframark, providing streamlined project management and execution. These improvements are necessary to address aging and critical infrastructure, improve biosolids handling and wastewater treatment performance, maintain state and federal permit compliance, reduce operational risks and costs, and provide additional capacity to support Augusta's future residential, commercial, and industrial growth. There is approximately \$44 million of unencumbered and unbudgeted funding currently available in Fund 516, the 2024 Bond fund. Therefore, we request that the Commission approve a budget adjustment for the Fund 516 portion of this request against Fund Balance appropriations concurrently with this agenda item to allow for the funding in Fund 516.
Financial Impact:	Funding in the amount of \$18,116,929.00 is available from accounts: \$17,441,929 from G/L 516043420-5425210 - J/L 82600060-5425210 (fund balance appropriation) \$675,000 from (FORT GORDON) G/L 507043490-5212115 - J/L 88880230-5212115
Alternatives:	No alternatives are recommended.
Recommendation:	AUD recommends that these capital improvements be approved.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Funding is available in the following accounts: \$17,441,929 from G/L 516043420-5425210 - J/L 82600060-5425210 \$675,000 from (FORT GORDON) G/L 507043490-5212115 - J/L 88880230-5212115
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	Wes Byne, Director

