



REQUEST FOR ACTION  
CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 3/17/2026  
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

**Department Origination:** Public Works

**Agenda Item:** Accept Rice Lake Construction Group Proposal in the amount of \$50,850.00 for Improvements to Existing Backwash Troughs in Filters 1-4 at the Water Treatment Plant

**Approval Required:** Simple Majority Vote

**BACKGROUND**

City staff identified issues with backwash troughs at the Water Treatment Facility in late 2025. The troughs have a gap where anthracite material is being lost during the backwash cycle. The material that was used to seal the troughs has degraded. City staff and SEH, in collaboration with staff from Orthos, reviewed repair options for the troughs at a meeting on February 20th. SEH prepared quote documents for repairs to the backwash troughs and provided the request for quotes to two Contractors on February 27, 2026.

Quotes were received from two contractors for the improvements. Both contractors reviewed the same scope, which includes installing EPDM gaskets, stainless steel angle iron, and sealant to address leakage and media loss at the trough end plates in Filters 1–4. The quotes are summarized below, and attached for reference.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Lump Sum Quote</b>
Rice Lake Construction Group	\$50,850.00
Eagle Construction Company	\$134,700.00

The work is time sensitive and necessary, as the troughs require this maintenance work to prevent loss of additional anthracite material. Based on the quotes received, SEH and City Staff recommend proceeding with Rice Lake Construction Group for this work. Rice Lake’s proposal is substantially lower in cost and includes the specified materials and approach consistent with the request for quotes.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

These improvements were not accounted for in the 2026 Budget. The work is proposed to be financed through the Water Enterprise Fund - Repairs & Maintenance WTP Equipment (EOM) line item.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends accepting the Rice Lake Construction Group Proposal in the amount of \$50,850.00 for Improvements to Existing Backwash Troughs in Filters 1-4 at the Water Treatment Plant.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

**MOTION** to accept the Rice Lake Construction Group Proposal in the amount of \$50,850.00 for Improvements to Existing Backwash Troughs in Filters 1-4 at the Water Treatment Plant.