



Staff Report

February 6, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting

Water Rights and Well Development Assistance

Presenter: Rob Charles, Utilities Manager

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

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BACKGROUND: The City has nine wells which provide water to customers within the Water Service Area. To maintain water rights with Department of Health (DOH), there are reports on impacts to groundwater levels that must be provided on an annual basis. As the City grows, we also continuously strive to maximize water production to meet demand. Mott McDonald, formerly known as Pacific Groundwater Group, has been working with the City for over 20 years on water rights and well production and development.

SUMMARY: The attached Scope of Work from Mott McDonald's includes monitoring Washougal River water levels near the City's wellfield for reporting to DOH, water rights assistance, maximizing the Lower Washougal River Wellfield production by increasing yield at existing wells, and abandonment of a test well that was previously drilled at Parker's Landing. Additionally, there are hours included for general support on potential tasks that change depending on focus areas within the water division.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: The City will continue to provide safe and affordable water to its customers while meeting regulatory requirements of DOH.

BUDGET IMPACT: Services associated with this agreement are \$79,502 which are budgeted out of the Water Fund. There is sufficient budget to cover these costs.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends this item be placed on the February 21st Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.