



## Staff Report – Consent Agenda

March 18, 2024 Council Regular Meeting

\$346,505.60 S&B, Inc. Lower Prune Hill Reservoir and Booster Station Instrumentation and Controls Purchase (Submitted by James Carothers, Engineering Manager)

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**BACKGROUND:** The Lower Prune Hill (LPH) Reservoir and Booster Station located at 600 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Loop is the facility that provides drinking water to most of the Downtown area, and it pumps water to the City’s Upper Prune Reservoir (UPH) which serves Prune Hill, Grass Valley, and the west side of town. Construction of a new booster station and replacement of the 500,000-gallon reservoir are recommended in the 2019 Water System Plan update and are currently in the Capital Budget.

S&B, Inc. is the company that maintains the programming and instrumentation necessary for staff to operate the City’s water system. To maintain consistency and compatibility with the rest of the Camas water system, S&B typically provides Camas with all instrumentation and controls (I&C) necessary for new water pump stations.

**SUMMARY:** RCW 39.04280 allows for agencies to waive competitive bidding requirements “for purchases that are clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply.” The hardware listed in the attached proposal from S&B, Inc. cannot be reliably offered as a public bid due to the need to maintain consistency of controls and the existing operator interface for the City’s water system. This purchase in the amount of \$346,505.60 will provide for I&C hardware and “on-time” delivery of these materials to the project site when they are needed.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** This purchase benefits the community by supporting the construction and commissioning of the LPH Reservoir and Booster Station Project. When finished, the project will provide increased pumping capacity and reliability for the UPH and West Camas pressure zones.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** None.



**Lower Prune Hill Reservoir Site:** Existing 500,000-gallon tank (right side) and booster station (center).

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is \$7.2 million budgeted for this project in the 2024 budget. The LPH Reservoir and Booster Station Project is currently advertising for bids and scheduled to open bids on March 15, 2024. The S&B proposal is not included in the advertised bid proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends Council approve the payment of \$346,505.60 to S&B, Inc. for the purchase of instrumentation and controls for the Lower Prune Hill Reservoir and Booster Station Project.