



Staff Report

November 17, 2025 Council Workshop Meeting

Construction Award Well Casing Decommissioning

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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BACKGROUND: In 2001, the City drill five (5) test wells at 5440 SW 6th Avenue to evaluate the site as an additional water supply source. Unfortunately, the test wells did not provide the amount of water which was anticipated and were not developed into production wells.

The property owner has requested that the City remove the exposed piping and decommission the abandoned wells from their property. Proper well decommissioning is required by the Washington State Department of Ecology under Chapter 173-160 WAC. Abandoning a well casing must be done by injecting cement into the casing and removing the top section of the casing to below grade of the existing ground.

SUMMARY: The City advertised the project for bids on October 20, 2025, with bids due on November 4, 2025. A pre-bid job walk was held on October 27, 2025 to provide interested contractors an opportunity to review the site conditions.

Bids were solicited from five (5) qualified well-drilling contractors, and the City received one (1) bid from Holt Services, Inc. in the amount of \$79,821. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$65,000.

Figure 1: Test Well Locations 1-5 at 5440 SW 6th Avenue

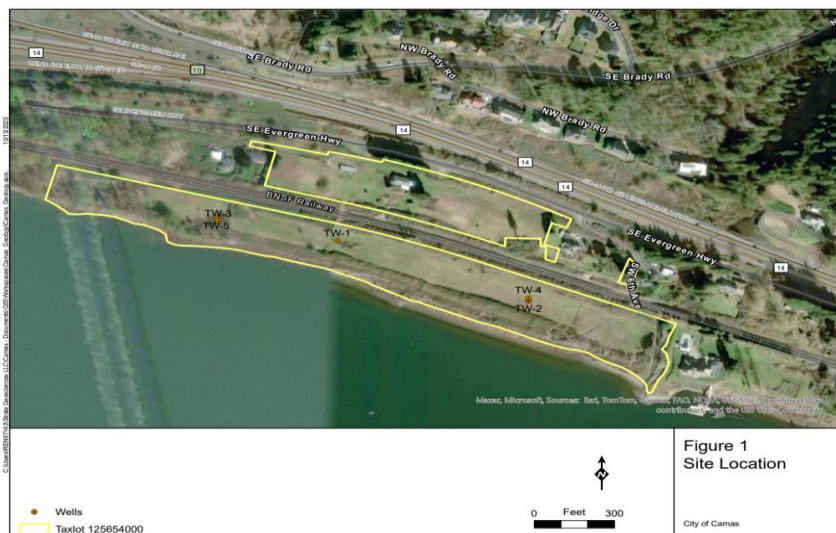


Figure 2: Test Well 1 at 5440 SW 6th Avenue



BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: Decommissioning these unused wells will ensure compliance with state regulations, prevent potential contamination of groundwater resources, and restore the affected private property

STRATEGIC PLAN: This project aligns with the strategic plan's "Stewardship of City Assets" priority by ensuring the long-term integrity of the City's water infrastructure, protecting groundwater resources, and demonstrating proactive management of critical utility assets.

BUDGET IMPACT: The total project cost of \$79,821 can be funded through the Water/Sewer Fund. Staff anticipates sufficient budget capacity to cover the expense, and the cost could be allocated from the Water Renewal & Replacement (R&R) program. Funding for this project can also be incorporated into the Spring 2026 Omnibus Budget Amendment if needed.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff would recommend this item be placed on the December 1st Council Regular Consent Agenda for their consideration.