



## Staff Report – Consent Agenda

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Council Regular Meeting

\$710,257.76 to SLE, Inc., for Well 6/14 Transmission Main Bid Award with up to 10% change order authorization (Submitted by Rob Charles, Utilities Manager)

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**BACKGROUND:** The Water System Plan identifies the lower wellfield, including Wells 6 and 14, as a priority area for near-term supply improvements to support projected demand through 2030. Existing conveyance limitations restrict how much water these wells can deliver to the distribution system. This project installs a new transmission main between Wells 6 and 14 to expand hydraulic capacity, increase usable production from both wells, and support the City's strategy of maximizing existing supply before developing new source infrastructure.

**SUMMARY:** The City opened bids on the project on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 and received nine (9) bids on the project and all were responsive. SLE, Inc. was determined to be the lowest responsive bid in an amount of \$710,257.76. The engineer's estimate was \$783,062.84 and the bid tabulation is attached for further breakdown



Figure 1: Waterline connection between Wells 6 and 14 at the City's Lower Wellfield located north of SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and south of the Washougal River.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** Moving additional water into the distribution system from the lower wellfield will help the City better meet the water consumption needs of customer and support additional growth in the community. It will also be one of the projects which will help the City meet short term needs of additional water supply identified in the Water System Plan needed by 2030.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** This work aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal of Stewardship of City Assets.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** None known.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The estimated total project cost is \$828,284 and will be funded through the Water/Sewer Fund

**Budget:**

Well 6/14 Waterline Transmission (2026 Capital Budget)	\$1,050,000
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**Estimated Construction Expenses:**

Construction	\$ 710,258
Construction Contingency (10%)	\$ 71,026
Construction Engineering Support (Consultant)	\$ 33,000
<u>Construction Management (Staff Time)</u>	<u>\$ 14,000</u>
Total Estimated Construction Cost	\$ 828,284

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff would recommend that the council authorize the mayor to execute a construction contract for this project.