



Staff Report

April 20, 2026 Council Workshop Meeting

Professional Services Agreement with Annear Water Resources for Lake Management Implementation Assistance

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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BACKGROUND: Cyanobacteria harmful algal blooms (cHABs) have been a recurring issue in Lacamas, Round and Fallen Leaf Lakes in recent years, resulting in frequent recreational use advisories and growing public concern. In an effort to combat the issue, the Lacamas, Round, and Fallen Leaf Lakes and Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan (LCMP) was created and was approved by Washington Department of Ecology in 2024. The City of Camas has been conducting baseline monitoring and sample collection in support of the LCMP since 2024. Chemical treatments have been applied to Lacamas Lake in 2024 and 2025 to help reduce the impacts of cHABs and to improve water quality in Lacamas and Round Lakes.

While City staff have been leading monitoring, sampling, and initial management actions under the LCMP since 2024, implementation of the plan requires ongoing, specialized technical support and a significant level of effort to effectively manage data, evaluate treatment options, and coordinate regulatory and grant-related requirements. Due to the complexity of the work and existing staff workload, the City determined that consultant support is necessary to assist with implementation of the LCMP, including monitoring, data analysis, treatment recommendations, and overall program management.

SUMMARY:

The City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for LCMP Implementation Support services, with submittals due on March 30, 2026. One proposal was received from Annear Water Resources.

City staff evaluated the proposal based on the criteria outlined in the RFQ, including experience with water quality monitoring and sample collection, data analysis and QA/QC procedures, experience with cyanobacteria management plans and applicable Department of Ecology permitting and reporting requirements, and overall familiarity with relevant codes and standards. Based on this evaluation, the consultant was determined to be qualified and well-suited to perform the work.

Following review and evaluation, City staff selected Annear Water Resources and negotiated a scope of work and fee to support implementation of the LCMP. The scope of work generally includes:

- Project management and coordination, including regular meetings and reporting
- Lake and stream monitoring and field data collection
- Data management, analysis, and reporting, including regulatory submittals
- Development and implementation of lake treatment strategies, including coordination with treatment contractors
- Public outreach and communication, including updates and presentations to Council and stakeholders
- Identification and preparation of grant funding opportunities
- Support for implementation of the Department of Ecology Freshwater Algae Control Grant

The total contract amount is \$205,100, with approximately \$47,000 eligible for reimbursement through the grant, resulting in an estimated direct cost to the City of \$158,100.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: This project continues implementation of the Lacamas, Round, and Fallen Leaf Lakes Lake Management Plan and Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan (LCMP). Data collected from this project will help inform data driven treatment recommendations for Lacamas Lake. This project will improve water quality in Lacamas and Round Lakes, ultimately reducing the amount of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), and increasing communities' ability to recreate, fish and enjoy the lakes.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Stewardship of City Assets. Protecting water quality for the long-term enjoyment of our community while ensuring swimmable and fishable lakes in which to recreate in.

BUDGET IMPACT: Funding for this project will be through the City's Stormwater Fund, with partial reimbursement anticipated from a Washington State Department of Ecology Freshwater Algae Control Grant. The total contract cost is \$205,100, including \$47,000 eligible for reimbursement under the FY 2027 grant. Consistent with City financial practices, expenditures and grant revenues are tracked separately, and the full project cost is reflected in the expenditure budget.

The adopted 2026 budget for Lake Management Professional Services is \$98,202; approval of this contract will result in an overage of approximately \$107,000, reflecting the full contract amount rather than the net City cost. A budget adjustment is anticipated through the Fall Omnibus process to align expenditures and reimbursements.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends this item be placed on the May 4, 2026, Council Regular Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.