



Staff Report

May 5, 2025 Council Workshop Meeting

2024 Additional Hydrogeologic Assistance

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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BACKGROUND: There are a number of groundwater activities that the city needs to complete this year;

- 1) Abandon a well casing at 5440 SW 6th Avenue that wasn't put into production.
- 2) Assist with groundwater monitoring activities at Louis Block Park and east of the Port of C-W Parking lot on South A Street.
- 3) Aid the City with water rights including increasing pumping capacity at the City's lower well field and Well 13 locations, as well as moving Well 13 under the larger water right of the Lower Wellfield.
- 4) Finalize the Lower Wellfield groundwater pumping capacity report.
- 5) Review pumping characteristics of groundwater at the City's Lower Wellfield.
- 6) *Planning for new wells and well modifications to increase city supply capabilities – Optional task.*

SUMMARY: Strata Geosciences is a sub group of Mott McDonald, whom the council had authorized in August of last year for a Professional Services Agreement to complete tasks 1-5. Only \$17,475 of that contract was completed under Mott McDonald. Strata Geosciences will take over as the lead consultant on the project.

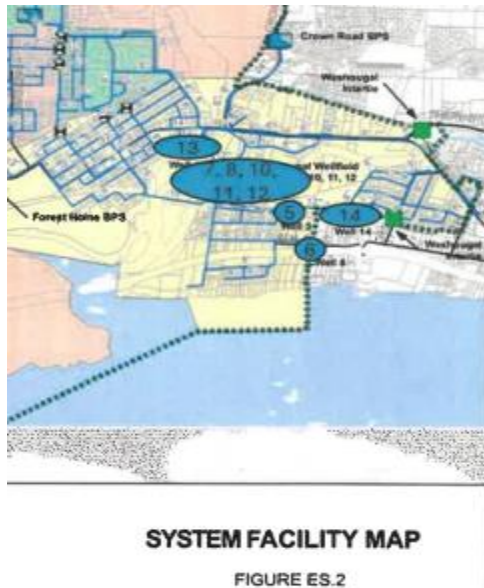


Figure 1: Lower Wellfield

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: Increased pumping capacity will allow the City to withdraw additional water from the Lower Wellfield, through either larger pumps, a new well(s), or a combination of both.

BUDGET IMPACT: \$64,823 plus the additional \$20,000 optional tasks for a total of \$84,823 is the cost of Mott McDonald's proposal. \$17,475 of this contract has already been started due to the urgency of meeting with the Department of Ecology regarding water rights and the need to have the pumping characteristics on the groundwater completed during the summer months. There are sufficient funds in the water to cover these expenses.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that this item be placed on the May 19, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.