



STAFF REPORT
8/12/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Castulo Estrada, Utilities Director

PREPARED BY: Castulo Estrada, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for City Project No. W - 46, Well 20 Drilling and Construction Phase 1

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the City Project No. W-46 Well 20 Drilling and Construction Phase 1 Project as complete and direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion attached hereto with the County of Riverside.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Project has been included in the City's approved CIP FY24/25 and FY25/26 budget in the total of \$3,070,000.00. The project was constructed under budget including all construction quantities and hydrogeological support services for a total of \$ 2,747,342.00.

The Utilities Department applied for a Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant in the amount \$750,000.00. A Financial Agreement has been executed and staff anticipates \$750,000.00 in reimbursement.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Coachella and its Coachella Water Authority (CWA) is responsible for the water service to its residents and customers within its service boundary. The water division of the Utilities Department serves a population of approximately 45,000 through roughly 9,200 service connections. Existing land uses consists primarily of single and multi-family homes, but also includes commercial and industrial zones. Full buildout of the City's sphere of influence (SOI), for a total service area of approximately 53 square miles is not anticipated until sometime after 2050.

The City of Coachella and its Coachella Water Authority (CWA) have one principal source of water supply, local groundwater pumped from the CWA owned wells. There are currently six wells within the City's Distribution system. The total pumping capacity of active wells is approximately 11,759 gallons per minute (gpm) or 16.5 million gallons per day (MGD)

The City requested public bids in accordance with City standards and in compliance with the California Public Contract Code. On April 2, 2025, the City issued the Notice Inviting Bids with a non-mandatory per-bid meeting on April 15, 2025. The project bid opening was held on May 6, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., with five companies submitting a bid for this project.

On May 28, 2025, the City of Coachella acted to award a Construction Contract with Southwest Pump & Drilling Inc. in the amount of \$ 2,479,367.00 plus 10% contingency for the construction of the Well 20 Drilling and Construction Project Phase 1, City Project W-46 for a total construction budget of \$2,727,303.70. Actual construction cost totaled \$2,381,153.25.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

City Staff has inspected the Project and found the improvements to be in accordance with the plans, specifications, and applicable standards. Staff recommends the acceptance of this project and that the City Council authorizes the filing of a Notice of Completion. Upon acceptance by City Council, the Project will enter a one-year warranty period as prescribed by the project contract agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. W-46 Well 20 Phase 1 NOC