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FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

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SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 26-1726**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **AUTHORIZING** the **EXECUTION** of an **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** between the City of Douglas and the **COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT** regarding the Extension of Utility Services and Backup Well.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The city and Cochise Community College wish to enter into an IGA that would allow the supply of backup water to the city system from Cochise College after the city's Water Campus is built for the new Commercial POE.

BACKGROUND:

The IGA establishes an agreement in which the city will extend water services from the city limits to the Cochise College Douglas campus, specifically to the parcel sold by the college to the city, where the city will construct a Water Campus comprised of a new 1,000-foot deep well site, a 400,000-gallon reservoir, and booster pumps. The Water Campus will be built to supply the new Port of Entry (POE), and the college will also be a customer, giving both parties a shared interest in collaborating on this project.

The college currently uses Well #1 to supply its campus; however, once the city extends water service, Well #1 will be used for irrigation only. The city and the college see this as an opportunity to use the well site as a backup for the Water Campus during downtime, such as for repairs and maintenance. Redundancy is important in providing consistent service to customers. The college has agreed to provide up to 400,000 gallons of backup water per month, with any usage beyond that amount charged at half the city's consumption rate. This arrangement ensures that the college well is not overused while reinforcing both parties' commitment to maintaining redundancy.

The college will be responsible for the cost of the service line from the Water Campus to the college campus, while the city will be responsible for constructing the waterline connecting College Well #1 to the Water Campus. The city will receive raw water from the college well and treat it at the Water Campus, allowing water technicians to ensure that quality standards are met.

Well drilling is scheduled to commence in April of this year. Execution of this IGA ensures that redundant water capabilities will be in place when the Water Campus becomes fully operational.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommend the IGA to be approved that allows the city to extend water services to the college and provides access to their existing water well for backup water.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Fiscal Year: 2025/2026

Amount Requested: \$0

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 26-1726.”