



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Dane Sorensen, Utilities Director

Council Meeting Date: March 25, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and Consider approval to award bid to construct the Howard Ranch Treated Effluent Fill Station and authorize city administrator to finalize an agreement with selected bidder.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Summary/Background: Under the Howard Land and Cattle agreement, the City is required to install an effluent fill station that will allow the Howard Ranch community access to reclaimed water. This allows for better management of city assets and better management of the region's natural resources. The city is not obligated to provide a certain quantity of water and will operate the fill station to maximize use of reclaimed water in lieu of well water.

Publication for soliciting bids for the Howard Ranch effluent fill station was issued with the deadline for contractors to submit sealed bids by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13th, 2025. Two (2) contractors submitted bid packages before the required deadline. Tabulations were reviewed by Burgess & Niple. Austin Engineering and TTE both meet the qualifications for the project. After evaluation Burgess & Niple recommends awarding the bid to TTE.

This item was budgeted for and the project cost is under the budgeted amount.

Commission Recommendations: N/A

Recommended Council Actions: Staff recommends awarding TTE with the Howard Ranch effluent fill station project and authorize staff to execute contract documents.

Attachments: Bid Documents

Bid Recommendation

Next Steps/Schedule: Upon Council approval, signatures to finalize the construction contract will be needed. Ground break and dirt work to begin once the agreement is signed, all required documentation submitted, and notice to proceed has been issued.