



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Gray Lahrman, Utilities Director

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**Council Meeting Date:** 08/04/2026

**Agenda Item Wording:** Discussion and possible action regarding Change Order No. 4 to the Construction Contract between the City of Dripping Springs and Arguijo Corporation for design modifications to the West Interceptor Segment 2 Project. *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Gray Lahrman

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**Summary/Background:** Arguijo was awarded the West Interceptor project at the original contract price of \$3,315,089.38. During the construction process we have approved a total of 3 change orders totaling \$143,509.65.

The contractor has requested approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> change order request for the purchase of a larger cofferdam to accommodate recent rain events that have slightly raised the levels of the creek. The cofferdam is a large bladder that when filled with water, can plug the creek channel, allowing the pumps to move water downstream. This process lowers the level in the construction area at the low-water-crossing allowing for the work to continue.

Arguijo Engineers originally chose the current cofferdam configuration rated for a 6-foot maximum water height and has been unsuccessful in dewatering the construction area. Arguijo is requesting that the City approve the change order for the purchase and delivery of a new cofferdam totaling \$54,107.00. The proposed larger cofferdam is taller and wider and is suggested to have a much better chance of success with water levels over 6-foot. Current water levels measured by City representatives in the laydown area for the cofferdam are slightly under to slightly over the 6-foot measurement. These levels have stayed mostly constant throughout the project with only slight changes due to rain events and evaporation.

City Staff is still in negotiations with the contractor regarding this change order request. Currently, Arguijo is requesting compensation for delays in construction and delays on Councils approval to move forward with this change order request. Staff will be providing Council with an updated staff report and current City Staff recommendations based on the outcomes of internal discussions with City Staff and Engineers that will be held this week.

**Commission  
Recommendations:**

**Recommended  
Council Actions:** City Staff’s recommendations will be available during the August 4, 2026, City Council meeting with an updated Staff Report.

**Attachments:** West Interceptor Segment 2 Executed Contract.  
Cofferdam Invoice  
Approved Change Orders #1  
Approved Change Order #4  
Approved Change Order #8

**Next Steps/Schedule:** To be determined.