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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of August 10, 2026

Title/Subject

Resolution 2439: PFAS Mitigation Feasibility Study

Summary

This resolution will adopt the PFAS Mitigation Feasibility Study to establish the city's policy and plan for removal of PFAS from the municipal water system.

Background

City Council received a presentation from City Staff and Anderson Perry & Associates during its July 27, 2026 work session which provided background on PFAS, and outlined the results of the PFAS Mitigation Feasibility Study. [This is a link to the video recording of that meeting.](#)

The nearly 500 page final study document draws on the adopted 2019 City of Hermiston Water System Master Plan, and is included as an attachment here. The study outlines new PFAS thresholds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency which public drinking water systems must meet by 2029. The study outlines that three of the City of Hermiston's water sources have detected levels of various PFAS, with several at concentrations which exceed those future minimum standards. The study then identifies water system capacity needs in the city over the next 20 years, and outlines a long list of options for meeting that 2046 future water supply need with sources which will meet the future PFAS standards.

The study identifies four actions which the City will undertake in the coming years to fully remove PFAS from the system and meet the 20-year projected water demand:

1. Install treatment and filtration at Well #5
2. Decommission Well #2
3. Decommission Well #4
4. Maximize utilization of the Regional Water Treatment Plant

The additional alternatives listed in the study are available for future alternative water source capacity, but are not recommended for immediate implementation.

Resolution 2439 adopts the PFAS Mitigation Feasibility Study as the City's policy and plan for removal of PFAS from the Municipal System.

Financial

Adoption of the PFAS Mitigation Feasibility Study does not have a financial impact. Future City Council actions regarding implementation of the recommended alternatives will have financial impacts which will be addressed at that time.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Approve Resolution 2439
2. Reject Resolution 2439
3. Table Resolution 2439

Recommended Action/Motion

Approve Resolution 2439

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