



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 23, 2025

**PRESENTER:** Michael Barajas, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of Well No. 14 Emergency Water Well Repair (MB)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council by motion adopt resolution ratifying emergency repairs to Well No. 14 and the procurement of services for the repairs from Zim Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$176,443.58.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

City Staff determined the need to immediately proceed with emergency repairs to Well No. 14 to maintain the city water systems. As a result, staff contracted emergency work with Zim Industries in the amount of \$176,443.58 to address the immediate needs of the City. The proposed Resolution (Attachment A) will ratify the award of the contract for emergency work to restore the City's water system to full function and bring the expenditure into compliance with the City's Purchasing Regulations regarding emergency work.

### DISCUSSION:

During a routine inspection on Friday, March 31, 2024, City staff noticed a concerning noise vibration emitting from Water Well No. 14 (Well 14) and immediately shut down Well No. 14. To properly diagnose the situation, staff contacted Zim Industries, Inc., and was informed that the pump bowl assembly, bearings, needed to be replaced. Also, the line shaft had to be repaired. Due to the well failure, staff submitted a written request to the City Manager/Purchasing Officer for authorization and approval of the required emergency repairs. Well 14 is located on the northeast quadrant of the City near Vineland and Whitesbridge. Well No. 14 is a high capacity well-constructed in 1998 and is integral in contributing to the City's water supply. With the City's system being a looped system, maintaining adequate water supply and quality the system is interdependent on the function of multiple wells operating on any given day. The repairs necessary for Well 14 were deemed to be "emergency" because while the system remained functional and adequate during the repair of Well 14, any chance of a cascading failures or "domino" effect of shutdowns of the other supporting wells during the repair to Well 14 would have been catastrophic to the system and the community.

In discussing this matter with the City Attorney, while there was an emergency, there was likely time to go to Council first. Staff will be more diligent in determining when to proceed without Council authorization before the fact and obtain proper documentation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total estimated cost of the repairs for Well 14 is \$ 176,443.58 and is available in the Water Enterprise Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Resolution w/Exhibit

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN  
RATIFYING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ZIM INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO  
WATER WELL NO. 14**

WHEREAS the City of Kerman experienced a water well failure in March of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Well No. 14 is a high capacity well. This well was constructed in 1998 and is integral in contributing to the City's water supply.

WHEREAS, with the City's system being a looped system, maintaining adequate water supply and quality the system is interdependent on the function of multiple wells operating on any given day; and

WHEREAS, the repairs necessary for Well 14 were deemed to be "emergency" because while the system remained functional and adequate during the repair of Well 14, any chance of a cascading failures or "domino" effect of shutdowns of the other supporting wells during the repair to Well 14 would have been catastrophic to the system and the community; and

WHEREAS, staff deemed it necessary for the City to enter into an emergency repair contract without the time delay of competitive bidding to maintain adequate water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with Zim Industries, Inc. to perform the necessary emergency repairs to Water Well No. 14; and

WHEREAS, City Purchasing Regulations allow for immediate emergency contracting when needed and require follow-up approval (ratification) by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kerman, hereby resolves as follows.

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council finds and determines that the above conditions exist and that it was necessary for City staff to procure emergency repairs of Well 14, and that said repairs were necessary for the City to maintain an adequate water supply.

Section 3. That the action to contract emergency work as described in **Exhibit 'A'** in the amount of \$176,443.58 is hereby ratified and approved.

Section 4. This resolution is effective upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Kerman City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting held on the 23 day of July 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

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Maria Pacheco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Josie Camacho  
City Clerk