

RESOLUTION TBD-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW MEADOWS, ADAMS COUNTY, IDAHO, SELECTING A PREFERRED WASTEWATER TREATMENT APPROACH BASED ON THE WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of New Meadows, Idaho (“City”), has undertaken the development and review of a Wastewater Master Plan to evaluate wastewater treatment alternatives and identify appropriate approaches to meet the City's current and anticipated future wastewater treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Master Plan evaluates treatment alternatives intended to address regulatory requirements, operational considerations, infrastructure needs, and the City's anticipated growth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Wastewater Master Plan and considered public input regarding the wastewater treatment alternatives presented; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that selecting a preferred near-term wastewater treatment approach will provide direction for continued planning, engineering, regulatory coordination, and future implementation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of considering long-term growth and wastewater treatment needs while retaining flexibility to evaluate future technologies, costs, and infrastructure requirements as conditions change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of New Meadows, Idaho, as follows:

Section 1. Review and Consideration

The City Council acknowledges its review of the Wastewater Master Plan and its consideration of public input regarding the wastewater treatment alternatives evaluated therein.

Section 2. Preferred Near-Term Wastewater Treatment Approach

Following review of the Wastewater Master Plan and consideration of public input, the City Council hereby selects **Alternative 1 – Continued Winter River Discharge and Summer Land Application**, with **Alternative 1A – Lagoon Treatment Improvements**, as the preferred near-term wastewater treatment approach for the City of New Meadows.

This selection establishes the City's preferred direction for continued planning and evaluation of near-term wastewater treatment improvements, subject to applicable regulatory requirements, engineering review, funding availability, and subsequent approvals as necessary.

Section 3. Anticipated Long-Term Growth Planning Approach

The City Council identifies **Alternative 1B – Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Treatment** as the anticipated long-term growth planning approach for wastewater treatment.

The MBR approach shall remain subject to future evaluation, including consideration of projected growth, treatment capacity, regulatory requirements, capital and operational costs, funding opportunities, and other relevant technical and financial factors. Any decision to proceed with implementation of Alternative 1B shall require further consideration and approval by the City Council.

Section 4. Continued Planning and Implementation

City staff, in coordination with the City's engineers and other appropriate representatives, are authorized to continue planning, evaluation, and coordination efforts consistent with this Resolution and the preferred approaches identified herein, subject to existing City policies, applicable laws and regulations, available appropriations, and any additional approvals required by the City Council.

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as final authorization to construct or implement any wastewater treatment improvement for which additional Council action, regulatory approval, funding authorization, or other required approval is necessary.

Section 5. No Commitment to Future Implementation

The identification of Alternative 1B – Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Treatment as the anticipated long-term growth planning approach does not constitute a final decision to construct or implement that alternative. The City Council retains the authority to reconsider the long-term approach based on future technical studies, regulatory requirements, financial considerations, growth projections, and other relevant information.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of New Meadows, Idaho.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of New Meadows, Idaho, at a duly convened meeting held on the 26th day of October, 2026

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk