

New Meadows Water Project Review

1. Award the well facility building as bid, evaluate the cost and project specific details of the final phase as planned and designed. Pursue additional project funding to meet funding shortfall.

Benefits: Additional supply and firefighting capacity in the range of 400-500 gpm, provide capacity for the system to add new customers, compliance with IDEQ supply requirements with wells 3, 4. Provide water supply redundancy.

Limitations: Minimized funding for booster and storage reservoir as designed.

Recommendation: Due to the importance of water supply for the community, award bid, seek additional funding that will be available as part of Infrastructure Funding Package. MWW has already requested additional funding on behalf of the City..

2. Reject the Bids and work with City Council to reevaluate all aspects of project moving forward. Phasing priority, funding and scheduling. Change direction of project as planned.

Benefits: Minimized immediate impact on rates to IDEQ loan associated with project expenditures to date. Moves future project construction to more favorable market and contractor conditions.

Limitations: USDA-RD grant funding will not be available in future, Well supply will not be available for City growth, water supply will not meet IDEQ capacity requirements, booster and storage will continue to age beyond useful life.

Recommendation: With the opportunity for growth, water supply should be completed at a minimum to allow for new homes and businesses.

3. Reject Bids, put project on hold and request extension of existing funding from IDEQ, USDA-RD

Benefits: Minimized immediate impact on rates to IDEQ loan associated with project expenditures to date. Lobby funding agencies for additional project funding. Moves future project construction to more favorable market and contractor conditions.

Limitations: No growth allowed in City due to water supply limitations. Additional funding may not be available

Recommendation: Due to timing of future funding it may take years to secure additional grant funding, move forward with projects as designed, build well facility and seek additional grant funding.

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4. Move project priorities to distribution system and booster/ reservoir projects.

Benefits: Utilization of project funding that is currently available, replacement of water mains as originally planned, increased fire flow into distribution system. New storage tank.

Limitations: Limitation of growth due to lack of water supply, higher contractor prices will result in extreme high bid cost for booster station, higher user rates.

Recommendation: MWW is not recommending this alternative due to need for additional well supply as highest priority.