



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 06/24/2025

**REQUESTER:** Peter Wolbach

**PRESENTER:** Peter Wolbach, Staff Engineer

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-138: BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, THE OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,900 TO PROVIDE FOR CANADIAN RIVER WATER QUALITY AND WATER QUANTITY MONITORING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In July 2003, the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) requested the City of Norman / Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) provide partial funding for certain river gauging stations that would otherwise be eliminated because of funding shortfalls within State and Federal agencies. The gauging stations provide water flow, depth, velocity, and water quality data for use by the Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF). The Norman WRF, and other similar facilities, utilizes the data to help determine the maximum allowable levels for discharge of pollutants under our Oklahoma Pollution Discharge Elimination System (OPDES) permit.

On September 14, 2004, the City executed Contract K-0405-64 with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) agreeing to provide \$6,450 toward funding of the Bridgeport gauging station. The NUA continued this agreement by executing Contract K-0506-50 and providing \$7,050 to fund the Bridgeport gauging station.

On November 14, 2006, the NUA executed Contract K-0607-93 with OWRB and the USGS with the NUA providing a portion of the cost to construct and maintain two gauging stations along the Canadian River at Mustang Road and the bridge at I-35. These stations are more useful than the Bridgeport station due to their closer proximity to the WRF. The NUA share was \$14,000. Since 2006, annual contracts have been approved for operating costs of the Mustang Road and I-35 Bridge gauging stations. The cost was significantly lower than in 2006 since there was no new construction. Below are the contracts approved since K-0607-93 was approved;

- Contract K-0708-34 - \$4,800;
- Contract K-0809-38 - \$5,100;
- Contract K-0910-01 - \$5,300;
- Contract K-1011-43 - \$5,600;

- Contract K-1112-03 - \$5,600;
- Contract K-1213-36 - \$5,600;
- Contract K-1314-25 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-1415-04 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-1516-32 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-1617-39 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-1718-44 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-1819-05 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-1920-24 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-2021-27 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-2122-09 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-2223-09 - \$5,900;
- Contract K-2324-18 - \$6,500 and
- Contract K-2425-08 - \$6,900

### **DISCUSSION:**

Proposed Contract K-2425-138 for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 (FYE26) requires the NUA to contribute \$6,900 for continued operational costs of the Canadian River gauging stations at Mustang Road and the I-35 Bridge. The NUA cost share remains the same as the previous contract, and this cost has only increased \$1,000 since FYE 14 and is reasonable considering recent price increases in the industry. A similar agreement with Moore is pending. Funding is available in the Wastewater Treatment Administration Division, Services & Maintenance/Hydrological Monitoring (Account 32955341-44123) for the Canadian River gauging stations.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2425-138, a cooperative agreement between the OWRB, the USGS, and the NUA for maintaining the Canadian River gauging stations at Mustang Road and the I-35 Bridge during FYE 26.