



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 04/28/26

REQUESTER: Chris Mattingly, Utilities Director

PRESENTER: Chris Mattingly, Utilities Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-133: BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY, THE MIDWEST CITY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA MASTER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT FOR SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL WATER FROM MIDWEST CITY TO NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$204,000 AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OULINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Norman is a member city of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District (COMCD). COMCD was created as an operational and governing structure for Lake Thunderbird when the lake was built in the 1960's. Other member cities include Midwest City and Del City. The Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) has an annual allocation of water from Lake Thunderbird in the amount of 3.083 billion gallons per year. In addition, the NUA has a contract with the City of Del City to purchase 300 million gallons of their excess water allocation each federal year. The federal year is designated from October 1st - September 30th of each year. This totals 3.383 billion gallons of available water for Norman to use each year.

This past Fall, Norman was unable to fully utilize our wellfield due to our disinfection system not fully being operational. Staff worked closely with Department of Environmental Quality personnel to establish an interim chlorinating station for our wellfield until the large groundwater treatment plant is fully constructed and operational.

Norman has used approximately 1.586 billion of the 3.383 billion or 46.89% of our lake allocation as of this date. There are 5 months to go in the federal year. Though this looks like we have half of our water remaining, we are about to enter our summer usage which is when we use the most throughout the year.

DISCUSSION:

Staff approached Midwest City (MWC) officials about the potential purchase of their anticipated excess water allocation from Lake Thunderbird. Similar to Del City's contract, the agreement

is to purchase 300 million gallons from MWC in the amount of \$204,000. Unlike the Del City contract, which is each year, the MWC contract is a one-time purchase for this year only.

Staff recommends an appropriation from the Water Fund Balance (Account No. 31-29000) into the Water Plant Outside Water Resource account (Account No. 31955234-43123) in the amount of \$204,000 to cover this purchase.

RECOMMENDATION :

Staff recommends the Norman Utilities Authority approve Contract K-2526-133 in the amount of \$204,000 with Midwest City for the purchase of 300,000,000 gallons of water. Staff also recommends an appropriation from the Water Fund Balance (Account No. 31-29000) in the amount of \$204,000 to be placed into Outside Water Resource account (Account No. 31955234-43123).