

CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Pete Carr, City Manager

SUBJECT: Water Tank Aesthetics (Discussion/Action)

BACKGROUND:

Construction of the City's one-million gallon water storage tank on Sixth Street is underway. City Council expressed interest in enhancing the visual presentation of the facility with artwork and/or landscaping. City Staff showed Council many examples of murals on water tanks, and several where landscaping is employed alone or in conjunction with artwork.

The contractor needs direction at this time as to the base color for the steel panels that will soon begin to be welded into a tank form. He suggests a light color to reduce inadvertent water heating during the hot summer months.

ANALYSIS:

The Orland Arts Commission has been considering options with advantages and disadvantages, as well as preferences consistent with local themes. The Commission recommends:

- No mural due to the welded steel panel construction
- Base color: Lemonwater
- Reserve recommendation on landscaping at this time

The full palette of color choices provided by the tank construction contractor are available online: Tank Colorbook.pdf

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct Staff.



FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

The base color has no fiscal impact as the grant-funded project includes a one-color exterior treatment. Additional colors, artwork, and/or landscaping would be at City Water Fund expense.