



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 27 for 2024 – Water Master Plan

Preferred Agenda: December 10, 2024

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Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: Comprehensive Plan

Towards Council Goal: Infrastructure, Be an Effective & Efficient Government, Rejuvenate Essential Services, Economic Strength, Image Building

Attachments: City of Sweet Home Water Master Plan

Purpose of this RCA:

To seek City Council approval and adoption of an updated Water Master Plan for the City of Sweet Home.

Background/Context:

The City currently utilizes a combined Water Master Plan and Water Management and Conversation Plan, which were adopted in 2016. Since then, the City has completed many of the recommended projects and upgrades so a new analysis was recommended and prioritized by the Budget Committee in 2021. This draft plan prioritizes planning for future growth in Sweet Home.

The proposed Water Master Plan was developed in partnership with West Yost. City Council and the public were provided the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan in August 2023, but the final draft has not yet been adopted by City Council.

The Challenge/Problem:

The City's current plan is based on outdated data and does not provide a viable path forward to improving drainage and water quality in the City of Sweet Home. City Council and staff do not currently have a consistent way to evaluate needs, prioritize projects, or plan for future funding needs in a guided way.

The proposed Water Master Plan was developed using a comprehensive analysis which included examination of system capacity and performance standards under future demands over the next 20 years. Hydraulic evaluations were performed to evaluate the water system's performance both currently and in the future.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

Adoption of the plan does not commit the City of Sweet Home to any of the projects or costs outlined in the plan – it simply serves as a guiding document to inform future Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs) and budget discussions. The estimated cost all projects in the plan is \$57,902,000. Funding for these projects will need to be identified and approved in future budgets.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A fiscally responsible method to improve living conditions and quality of life for all residents.

Options:

1. Do nothing: The City will continue to operate under an outdated plan that does not reflect current conditions, industry best practices, and community needs.
2. Amend the plan: Suggest changes to the final draft. Because the consultant is no longer assigned to the project, additional charges may be incurred or City staff will need to perform the additional modifications.
3. Adopt the plan: Move to adopt the City of Sweet Home Water Master Plan as proposed.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 3: Move to adopt the City of Sweet Home Water Master Plan as proposed.