

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Carrie Gillum, Senior Water Resources Specialist
DATE: February 19, 2026
SUBJECT: Service Provider Agreement with Gray & Osborne for the Well 15 Aeration Design Project

1) Recommended Action:

Place the Service Provider Agreement with Gray & Osborne for the Well 15 Aeration Design Project on the March 3, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

2) Background:

A 2022 corrosion control study determined additional water treatment was necessary for the city's Port Wellfield to meet state regulations. The Washington State Department of Health (WADOH) approved the city's request to use aeration treatment for the wellfield and requires completion of designs and construction by July 29, 2026. WADOH is aware the city will request an extension given the fairly short timeline.

The full project will include replacement of the existing structure for an earthquake-resilient building, technology upgrades, and auxiliary power for continued operation during emergencies. When complete, this project improves overall water quality and system resiliency; Well 15 is the water system's second largest producing well. In October 2025, the city advertised a request for qualifications to complete the design of the treatment system and facility upgrades. Three consulting firms responded; Gray & Osborne Inc. was selected for the project.

3) Policy Support:

- All water systems serving residential and transient populations over 50,000 must demonstrate optimal corrosion control (WAC 246-290-300 and 40 CFR 141(E)(I)).
 - Washington Department of Health letter dated August 1, 2024, Subject: City of Tumwater Water System, ID #89700Q, Thurston County; Corrosion Control Study, ODW Project #22-1201, **APPROVAL** Requirement
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4) Alternatives:

- Request changes to the service provider agreement.
 - Water quality improvements are required; however, elements related to resiliency may be modified, rescheduled, or removed.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

The cost of design by Gray and Osborne is not expected to exceed \$368,000; construction costs will be estimated during design. The project was authorized in the 2026-2031 Water Capital Facilities Plan (WA-6). Council approved \$1,500,000 for the project, including construction, in the FY25-26 Water Utility Fund budget. The funding request will be refreshed for the FY267-28 biennium.

6) Attachments:

A. Agreement with Gray & Osborne for the Well 15 Aeration and Design Project