

# Agenda Statement

**Meeting Date:** May 26, 2026  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager  
**From:** Scott Korbe, Public Works Director  
**Agenda Item:** Resolution 2026-028



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## **BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:**

The City's 80-year-old water system no longer provides adequate pressure or production capacity during periods of high demand. The Well Field Upgrade Project will replace aging well field infrastructure, including construction of a new well building, installation of a permanent generator, new pumps, controls, piping, valves, and decommissioning of existing Well Houses No. 2 and 3.

The City previously bid the project twice but did not have sufficient funding to proceed. The project has now qualified for 100% loan subsidy through the State of Alaska DEC Alaska Drinking Water Fund.

The project was competitively bid again, with three responsive bids received. Alaska Diversified Contractors LLC submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$3,249,494, and the City and its engineering team recommend award.

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into the construction contract, appropriates the required \$17,500 loan administrative fee from Water/Sewer MRRF reserves, and establishes contingency funding for the project. Any use of contingency funds requires advance written approval by the City Manager.

## **CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:**

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Legislative Priorities: <i>Federal and State, 2026</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Whittier Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**FISCAL NOTE:** Verbal fiscal note to be provided.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW:**  Yes  No  Not Applicable

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends approval of Resolution 2026-028.