



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Douglas Schulze, City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Art Vela, Public Works Director

**MEETING DATE:** February 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Resolution 2025-18, Awarding a Construction Contract to Weaver Grading, Inc. in the Amount of \$537,100 for the Banning Water Canyon Stormwater Percolation Basin Repairs and Approving a 20% Contingency for a Total Project Budget Not-to-Exceed \$644,520

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 2025-18.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Banning owns several acres in the Banning Water Canyon on the north side of the City just north of Bluff Street. The City has several assets in the Banning Water Canyon including wells, transmission water mains, and percolation basins. As water travels down the water canyon it is diverted into a series of thirty-six (36) percolation basins where the water is stored and allowed to percolate into the groundwater for extraction at a later date. The operations of capturing, recharge and extraction is a critical strategy to meet the City's water demands.

The percolation basins were negatively impacted by Tropical Storm Hilary in 2023 and the debris from the Apple Fire worsened the impact on the basins. Many of the basins have slope damage and have been filled with debris and sediment and require to be repaired and dredged; culverts reconstructed; and access roads regraded ("Project").

Recognizing that the Project is essential in that it will reduce demand on imported water by maximizing local water resources, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC & WCD) agreed to assist in funding seventy-five percent (75%), up to \$750,000, of the Project costs. On May 14, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution 2024-69, approving a funding agreement between the City and RCFC & WCD.

On November 26, 2024, the Purchasing Department advertised an Invitation for Bids (IFB) #24-089 for the Project and as a result received 5 bids. The lowest, responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Weaver Grading, Inc. of Beaumont, California in the amount of \$537,100.

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Banning Water Canyon percolation basins are an important feature as they are utilized to recharge the water canyon groundwater aquifer from which the City produces water from. The percolation basins were impacted by Tropical Storm Hilary and are in need of repair.

An IFB was advertised for the Project and Weaver Grading, Inc. submitted the lowest, responsive and responsible bid.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, the construction contract with Weaver Grading, Inc. will be in the amount of \$537,100 and will include a 20% contingency in the amount of \$107,420 for a total “not-to-exceed” Project budget of \$644,520.

The City will be reimbursed by the Funding Agreement with RCFC & WCD for 75% of the cost, which will amount to \$483,390 if the full Project budget is exhausted.

Funding for the Project was included in the current fiscal year approved budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 in Account 660-6300-471.95-09.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not approve as recommended. The Public Works Department, Water Division currently does not have the equipment and staff resources needed to complete the repairs and therefore, with this alternative, the percolation ponds would remain in disrepair.

**BUDGETED?:**

Yes

**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:**

Yes

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution 2025-18, Banning Water Canyon.docx](#)
2. [Exhibit A - C01122 - Weaver Grading IFB PW Water Canyon Repairs.docx](#)
3. [Resolution No. 2024-069.pdf](#)
4. [Executed RCFCD Agreement.pdf](#)