



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Robert Fisher, Acting City Manager

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MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-28, Approving a Sole Source Contract with Rick Engineering, Inc. for the Continuation of the Design of Ramsey Street Water Main Replacement in the Amount of \$156,224.03

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-28.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Banning owns, operates, and maintains water distribution and transmission pipelines that distribute water to residents and businesses. To provide its customers with a reliable supply of water, it is important for the city to continue replacing aging and undersized water distribution infrastructure.

On April 12, 2022, City Council approved Resolution 2022-35 authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds on certain eligible projects including making the necessary investments in water infrastructure. The approved ARPA project list included the replacement of waterlines along Ramsey Street.

On November 14, 2023, City Council approved Resolution 2023-182 approving a Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") for the Design of Ramsey Street Water Main Replacement to Rick Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$399,540 with an expiration date of June 30, 2024, and maximum term and subsequent amendments not to exceed five (5) years.

JUSTIFICATION:

The previous Agreement approved under Resolution 2023-182 expired on June 30, 2024 and the City and Rick Engineering, Inc. desire to complete the scope of work as outlined in the original Agreement. The amount of funds remaining in the expired contract is \$156,224.03 which will be used to fund the remainder of the unfinished tasks in the previously approved scope of work.

Due to construction funding challenges for this project, the original Agreement with Rick Engineering, Inc. for the design of Ramsey Street Water Main Replacement called for a three (3) phase design process. The available ARPA funds were only sufficient to cover the construction of the first phase and therefore, it was necessary to prioritize the completion of the design of the first phase. The design work took longer than anticipated due to unforeseen site conditions and design challenges.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff recommends awarding a new Professional Services Agreement to Rick Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$156,224.03 to complete the outstanding design phases in a manner that meets all project specifications and regulatory requirements.

No fiscal impact is expected since the requested amount of \$156,224.03 had previously been allocated to this project through the expired contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Resolution 2025-28 and provide alternative direction to staff.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2025-28, Rick Engineering Agreement.docx](#)
2. [C01126 Rick Engineering - Design of Ramsey Street Water Main Revised.pdf](#)
3. [Resolution 2022-35.pdf](#)
4. [Resolution 2023-182.pdf](#)
5. [Sole Source Form.pdf](#)
6. [Original Agreement - Rick Engineering.pdf](#)