

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Community Development Board

FROM: Shawn Kohtz, Director of Utilities
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SUBJECT: Special Presentation Regarding the Integrated Water Resource Plan Update Process

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: Receive presentation.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.1 Clean Water Supplies: Ensure adequate supplies of clean water for today and tomorrow.

BACKGROUND: The Integrated Water Resource Plan is the City's long-range water supply plan. Bozeman depends on a safe and reliable water supply. We use water to fight fires, operate restaurants and businesses, clean our homes, run critical hospital functions, wash our hands, and other everyday necessities that support our community's health, safety, and quality of life. City of Bozeman is updating the 2013 Integrated Water Resources [Plan](#) [external link] (IWRP), outlining alternatives to improve Bozeman's water supply resiliency and ensure an adequate supply for the future. Water is a key resource that supports the City's land use planning. The IWRP is an issue plan in support of the adopted land use plan. The Community Development Board has a role in the ultimate review and recommendation on the IWRP to the City Commission. Therefore, information will periodically be provided to the Board as the process moves forward.

A lot has changed since our IWRP was created in 2013. Bozeman has made significant progress in improving our water resiliency by implementing policies and practices to manage our water supply. As a result of all this progress, it was decided it's time to take another look at the IWRP and evaluate our community's priorities, updated data, and alternatives for the future.

The City has been undertaking public outreach for the IWRP using the Engage Bozeman [website](#) [external link] and other means. The website has information on project schedule, presentations to date, the existing plan, and many other items. A public survey recently closed and Director Shawn Kohtz will present to the Board on the status of the planning process for the IWRP and results from the survey.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None identified

ALTERNATIVES: None identified

FISCAL EFFECTS: N/A

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