

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Shawn Kohtz, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Integrated Water Resources Plan Update

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the presentation providing an update on the Integrated Water Resources Plan.

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

BACKGROUND: In 2013, the Bozeman City Commission adopted an Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP), which identifies recommended water supply and use policies and practices for consideration to ensure Bozeman has adequate supplies available to meet future demands. Since that time, the City has made progress implementing many of the IWRP's recommendations. As a result, the City is updating the 2013 IWRP to reflect current community needs and priorities, and identify new and emerging opportunities to meet future water supply needs.

On April 8, 2025, the City Commission approved the [IWRP Community Engagement Plan](#), which outlines strategies to ensure that the IWRP update reflects the needs of our growing community and Bozeman's longstanding character. Since that time, the City has implemented the IWRP Community Engagement Plan, making notable progress through engagement with the Water Advisory Committee, an advisory body comprised of a Technical and Public Advisory Subcommittee formed to support an updated IWRP grounded in community values and technical expertise.

The City hired Raftelis, a municipal communications consultant with extensive experience communicating water resource management concepts, to assist City staff in engagement efforts supporting the IWRP update. Raftelis, supported by City staff, will provide a presentation on IWRP update progress, including an overview of the engagement status, progress made to date, and next steps on the approved engagement plan.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: None

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

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