

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Urban Parks and Forestry Board

FROM: Takami Clark, Communications & Engagement Manager

SUBJECT: Water Adequacy for Residential Development (WARD) Ballot Education Presentation

MEETING DATE: October 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Listen to presentation, ask questions

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

BACKGROUND: The City of Bozeman is educating the public on a November 2025 ballot issue called the Water Adequacy for Residential Development (WARD) initiative. This initiative was created by a special-interest group and is not a policy of the City of Bozeman. It could have a significant effect on the City's ability to provide water for future residents and businesses and may lead to a lower overall production of all types of housing. The City's effort to educate voters on this initiative is not intended to advocate for or against the initiative; rather, the educational effort is to bring to light how the initiative will affect city operations, including how the City works to accommodate the development of new housing in our community and the City's effort to provide our community with the water it relies on.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FISCAL EFFECTS: N/A

Attachments:

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