

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/06/25	AGENDA ITEM: 4.L. FIN - Establishment of the White Tank Recovery Well Capital Improvement Project
DATE PREPARED: 05/01/25	DISTRICT NO.: All
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DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action to establish a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project for the White Tank Recovery Well Project; and authorize the City Manager to execute all subsequent agreements within the scope of the Capital Improvement Program project, for a total project cost not to exceed \$12,000,000.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Buckeye's Water Resources and Finance Departments are requesting Council approval to establish a new Capital Improvement Project for the White Tank Recovery Well project. This recovery well will allow the City to extract effluent long-term storage credits within the Tartesso groundwater savings facility to be deployed in the White Tank Alternative Path to Assured Water Supply service area. If approved by Council, the City Manager will have authority to execute all subsequent agreements and transactions within the Capital Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000. Procurements greater than \$250,000.00 shall be approved by Council in accordance with Chapter 24 of the City Code. On January 21, 2025, Council approved the execution of an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement (IGA) with the State of Arizona for \$12,000,000 that will reimburse the City of Buckeye for all project costs on a monthly basis from commencement of the project until completion of the project. The new recovery well will be drilled north of the Tartesso reclamation facility and south of the Tartesso community. The reclamation facility will recharge the groundwater table with effluent. The effluent will seep through the holding pond into the groundwater table. The water will enter the recovery well by way of natural means. The recovery well will be connected to the Tartesso water facility system where it will be treated for delivery to the Tartesso community.

BENEFITS:

The approval of this Capital Improvement Project will improve the City's water service and redundancy of service while leveraging state grant funds. Grant funds are to be used for the construction of water and sewer infrastructure within the city limits of the City of Buckeye. The purpose of constructing the infrastructure is to utilize and distribute renewable water supplies in the White Tank Service Area so long as such construction furthers Buckeye's aim of receiving a designation as a provider of an assured water supply.

FUTURE ACTION:

No future action contemplated.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Federal grant portion is \$12,000,000, in which the total cost of this project is not expected to exceed \$12,000,000. Upon Council approval, Finance will encumber \$12,000,000 from 30539199-570020 to the project to cover costs incurred until reimbursement is received. The Water Resources Department may commence to solicit for services during FY 2025 but does not anticipate any expenditures in FY 2025.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

\$0

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2026 and 2027

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Water Resources

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[WT Recovery Well Schedule - prelim 20250415.pdf](#)

[awardNotification 4-10-25.pdf](#)

[CAR Recap - White Tank Recovery Well CIP Establishment.docx](#)

[4L IGA ARPA BUC 122324 01.pdf](#)