

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL YAKIMA, WASHINGTON AGENDA STATEMENT

Item No. 9.A. For Meeting of: January 7, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Resolution authorizing an agreement with the United States Bureau of

Reclamation (BOR) for the Water/Irrigation and Wastewater Divisions Low-income and Unserved Utility Areas Project No. AC2570 and

SC2650

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Public Works Director

Mike Price, Wastewater Manager

*Mike Shane, Water/Irrigation Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

In 2022, the City of Yakima (City) committed to providing safe and reliable domestic drinking water, along with the ability to discharge domestic waste in a safe and reliable manner, to residents in areas of the city that were currently not served by these public services. Residents in these areas currently obtain their domestic water from individual private wells and discharge waste to individual septic systems. The City, along with their consultant HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. began the design of new domestic water and wastewater systems to provide services to these residents, which was completed in 2023.

A grant application to fund the construction of the water and wastewater systems was submitted to the United States Bureau of Reclamation as part of their WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for Fiscal Year 2024 program. On May 6, 2024, the City was notified that the application was chosen for an award of \$4,949,298.00 to complete the project.

On December 17, 2024, the City of Yakima was notified that the Grant/Cooperative Agreement for Grant No. R24AP00579-00 has been awarded and released, allowing the City to move forward with construction of the new facilities. Matching funds or in-kind services in the amount of \$260,489.00 will be provided by the Water and Wastewater Divisions as part of the Agreement.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Safe and Healthy Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

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