



# Agenda Item

## City Council

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THRU:** Tom Kisela, City Manager

**FROM:** Christopher Cash, Public Works Director

### 1. SUBJECT

Award of Contract to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. for Well 29 Drilling Project; Bid No. 24-25.13.

### 2. SUMMARY

Five bids for the Well 29 Drilling Project (W-709) were received and opened on March 13, 2025. The apparent low bidder is Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. of Colton, California in the amount of \$2,608,116.

### 3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the contract with Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. in the amount of \$2,868,928, representing an original bid amount of \$2,608,116, plus a 10% contingency of \$260,812, for Well 29 Drilling project; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

### 4. FISCAL IMPACT

The expense for this contract is \$2,868,928 and will be funded through Water Fund (600):

600.8011.56411.20312 Well 29 Construction

### 5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 5: Improve Infrastructure, Mobility, and Technology

### 6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

Well 29 will be located at the corner of Struck Avenue and Katella Avenue on the same site as the existing Well 8. Well 8 was removed from service in 2018 due to the Per and Polyfluoralkyl substances (PFAS) levels exceeding the regulatory limits and was destroyed in the Fall of 2023. Well 29 will be constructed at this location and is expected to produce approximately 3,000 gallons per minute (gpm) in flow capacity.

The proposed Well 29 project will be constructed in two phases. Phase I will include drilling the well, and Phase II will consist of equipping the well and installing the treatment system.

The Scope of Work for Phase I includes pilot hole drilling, installation of approximately 1,300 feet of 20-inch stainless steel casing and screen, installation of accessory tubing, gravel pack, sanitary seal, hydrogeology testing, well development, and disinfection.

The City Council previously approved advertisement for bids on January 28, 2025. The bid

solicitation was advertised on January 30, 2025, for a period of six weeks. The bids were opened on March 13, 2025. Five bidders responded as follows:

	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT
1.	Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., Colton, CA	\$ 2,608,116
2.	South West Pump & Drilling, Inc., Coachella, CA	\$ 3,543,103
3.	Zim Industries, Inc., Fresno, CA	\$ 3,665,190
4.	Pacific Coast Well Drilling, Inc., Paso Robles, CA	\$ 3,770,055
5.	South Valley Companies, Inc., Bakersfield, CA	\$ 3,871,230

Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. is the apparent responsive low bidder. Staff checked the references and qualifications for Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. and found them to be acceptable, with adequate years of experience in completing contracts of a similar nature to this project. The Contractor has completed well drilling projects with many surrounding agencies. Therefore, staff recommends that Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. be awarded the contract in the amount of \$2,608,116, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount of \$2,868,928. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2025 and is expected to be completed within 210 calendar days.

## 7. ATTACHMENTS

- Contract with Best Drilling and Pump, Inc.
- Bid Abstract
- Location Map