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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

DATE: July 24, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Diamond Peak Lift Station Improvements Project, PWP-WA-2026-247 [staff recommends Gerhardt and Berry Construction, Inc., for the base bid in the amount of \$941,595.00]; (2) approve construction bid alternates [in the amount of \$263,500.00]; and (3) approve a project construction contingency fund [in the amount of \$96,407.60] for a total award amount of \$1,205,095.00. The total project construction cost not to exceed \$1,301,502.60. The Project is located at 0 Diamond Peak Drive, Reno, Nevada, and the scope of work includes the conversion of the existing Diamond Peak sewage lift station from a dry-pit pump vault to a submersible lift station. Additional alternate work is also included for replacement of the generator and automatic transfer switch. This capital project is designed to address operational reliability, regulatory compliance, and long-term demands. (Commission District 5.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This project is generally described as the Diamond Peak Lift Station Improvements located at 0 Diamond Peak Drive, Reno, Nevada, APN 566-091-25. The Diamond Peak Lift Station is an integral component of the County's sanitary sewer collection network, serving residential and commercial customers in the Spanish Springs region. Over time, these facilities have experienced increased operational challenges due to aging infrastructure, evolving regulatory requirements, and growth in service populations. The need for improvements was identified through routine maintenance records, field inspections, and system performance reviews, which highlighted issues such as equipment wear, limited bypass capabilities, and the need for enhanced safety and redundancy measures. The upgrades are expected to reduce the risk of sanitary sewer overflows, minimize infiltration and inflow, and extend the service life of critical assets.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

The project was advertised for public bid on June 24, 2026, with sealed bids due and opened on July 15, 2026. Bids were reviewed for responsiveness and compliance with all statutory and local requirements, including those set forth in NRS Chapter 338 and Washoe County Code.

The list of bids received for the project is as follows:

Diamond Peak Lift Station Improvements Project				
Bidder	Base Bid Amount	Bid Alternative Amount	Total Evaluated Bid*	Reason for Recommendation
Gerhardt and Berry Construction Inc.	\$941,595.00	\$263,500.00	\$1,205,095.00	Lowest, responsive, responsible bidder; meets all technical requirements
Resource Development Company	\$1,014,350.00	\$330,100.00	\$1,344,450.00	-
Simerson Construction LLC	\$1,208,300.00	\$271,500.00	\$1,479,800.00	
Engineer's Estimate	\$800,000.00 – \$1,000,000.00	-	-	-

A contingency fund in the amount of \$96,407.60 has been included in the total project cost allowing for quick responses to unforeseen circumstances during construction which, if not addressed quickly, could result in additional project costs and project delays.

Staff has verified in the System for Award Management Exclusions that no bidder is excluded from receiving federal government contracts as a result of being debarred; thus, none of the bidders is prohibited by NRS 338.017(2) from being awarded a public works contract.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability: Long-term sustainability.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 19, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted the Washoe County Final budget for Fiscal Year 2027 as well as the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2027-2031.

BACKGROUND

The Diamond Peak Lift Station Improvements Project, PWP-WA-2026-247, represents a targeted response to ongoing infrastructure needs within Washoe County's wastewater collection system. These projects are designed to address operational reliability, regulatory compliance, and long-term service demands in the Diamond Peak service area.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board award the bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Diamond Peak Lift Station Project for \$1,301,502.60, there is sufficient funds and budget authority in FY27 in the Utilities Fund (566) and Diamond Peak Lift Station Improvements (WR495147). Revenues in support of the project are provided from sewer connection fees and rates.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Diamond Peak Lift Station Improvements Project, PWP-WA-2026-247 [staff recommends Gerhardt and Berry Construction, Inc., for the base bid in the amount of \$941,595.00]; (2) approve construction bid alternates [in the amount of \$263,500.00]; and (3) approve a project construction contingency fund [in the amount of \$96,407.60] for a total award amount of \$1,205,095.00. The total project construction cost not to exceed \$1,301,502.60. The Project is located at 0 Diamond Peak Drive, Reno, Nevada, and the scope of work includes the conversion of the existing Diamond Peak sewage lift station from a dry-pit pump vault to a submersible lift station. Additional alternate work is also included for replacement of the generator and automatic transfer switch. This capital project is designed to address operational reliability, regulatory compliance, and long-term demands.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Diamond Peak Lift Station Improvements Project, PWP-WA-2026-247 [staff recommends Gerhardt and Berry Construction, Inc., for the base bid in the amount of \$941,595.00]; (2) approve construction bid alternates [in the amount of \$263,500.00]; and (3) approve a project construction contingency fund [in the amount of \$96,407.60] for a total award amount of \$1,205,095.00. The total project construction cost not to exceed \$1,301,502.60. The Project is located at 0 Diamond Peak Drive, Reno, Nevada, and the scope of work includes the conversion of the existing Diamond Peak sewage lift station from a dry-pit pump vault to a submersible lift station. Additional alternate work is also included for replacement of the generator and automatic transfer switch. This capital project is designed to address operational reliability, regulatory compliance, and long-term demands. "