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STAFF REPORT

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DATE: July 24, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to reject all bids received for the Steamboat Lift
Station Recycle Service Line Addition Project, PWP-WA-2026-418,
pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 338.1385(6)(d), due to
inconsistencies in Washoe County project bidding documents.
(Commission District 2.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Community Service Department, Engineering and Capital Projects Division advertised a utility capital project identified as the Steamboat Lift Station Recycle Service Line Addition Project for competitive bidding. The project consists of furnishing all labor, materials (except those specifically specified to be supplied by Washoe County) and incidentals required for construction of 2 and 3-inch HDPE recycle service lines and associated work. The major items of work entail excavation, trenching and backfill for installing recycle service line, fittings and appurtenances, temporary and permanent asphalt pavement patches and Portland cement concrete restoration.

Six (6) sealed bids were received and opened via e-Builder on July 7, 2026. The submitted 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. Due to mistakes and inconsistencies in the bidding documents, specifically the inadvertent creation of two on-line folders for document control, two of the bidders did not upload required acknowledgement documents resulting in an unfair bid condition. Subsequently the bid submittals could not be completed consistently or correctly by all bidders.

Following rejection of the bids, staff will correct the bidding documents and re-advertise the project.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 19, 2026 – The BCC adopted the Final budget for Fiscal Year 2027 that included the capital funds.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County currently provides wastewater collection and treatment service to residents in the South Truckee Meadows of Reno, Nevada. The County operates a gravity sanitary sewer collection system with three small lift stations and a large regional lift station (Steamboat Lift Station) that utilizes one force main to convey wastewater to the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (STMWRF).

The Steamboat Lift Station Recycle Service Line Addition Project, PWP-WA-2026-418, will extend recycled water to the Steamboat Lift Station to support non-potable operational and irrigation needs. The pipeline will provide a reliable source of recycled water for landscape irrigation and for wash-down activities associated with routine operation and maintenance of the lift station.

Utilizing recycled water for these purposes promotes efficient use of Washoe County's water resources by reducing demand on potable water supplies while supporting the County's operational and sustainability objectives. The project will enhance the functionality of the facility by providing a dedicated non-potable water source for maintenance activities and landscape irrigation in accordance with applicable recycled water regulations and standards.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with the recommendation to reject the current bids as allowed under NRS 338.1385(6)(d).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County reject all bids received for the Steamboat Lift Station Recycle Service Line Addition Project, PWP-WA-2026-418, pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 338.1385(6)(d), due to inconsistencies in Washoe County project bidding documents.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to reject all bids received for the Steamboat Lift Station Recycle Service Line Addition Project, PWP-WA-2026-418, pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 338.1385(6)(d), due to inconsistencies in Washoe County project bidding documents."