



CITY OF WHITTIER

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PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Grant Funds to Replace Whittier's primary Sewer Lift Stations and Water Well Field

The Whittier City Council has held numerous public meetings to discuss two important Water and Wastewater Projects. The City's Lift Station Replacement Project¹ is critical to ensure the continued ability of the City to safely discharge residential and commercial sewage without disruption. The City has a single system that is at risk of imminent failure due to earthquake damage, two flood events, and corrosion from wastewater gases. The City has been working to develop this project over the past five years, has secured State Revolving Fund Loan funding in the amount of \$820,000, has bid the project twice, and the project came in more than double the available funds, causing the City to seek additional federal grant funding to complete the project.

The City's Water Well Replacement Project² will replace the City's water wells that have reached end of life, with new wells capable of ensuring adequate water pressure, supply and capacity. The City has a single well field system that is inadequate to serve the needs of the community due to having reached the end of its useful life, with or without additional growth in the community. A modeling analysis demonstrated that the current demands on the system lead to inadequate water pressure and capacity, especially during the busy summer season. This also impacts the community's firefighting ability and diminishes our capacity to grow. The City completed planning and design and secured \$1.23 million in federal grant funds for the project. However, bids for the project came in significantly higher than available funds leading the City to seek additional federal grant funding to complete the project.

This Notice of Intent addresses the City's plan to submit an application for grant funding through the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. For additional information on each project, see the Request for Proposals issued by the City, links below.

Lift Station: https://www.whittieralaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/20403.21-Contract-Specifications_100_Rebid.pdf

Well Field Replacement Project: <https://www.whittieralaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024-1-24-Well-Field-Upgrade-Specifications.pdf>

Have questions about these projects? See the associated Resolutions and City Council meeting minutes listed below, or feel free to contact public works director Scott Korbe, at 907.240.2019.

¹ See Resolutions related to Lift Station Project, and City Council meeting minutes for the following: RESOLUTION 2023-008; RESOLUTION 2022-020; Council meeting minutes – 3/19/24, 2/20/24, 9/19/23, 8/15/23, 7/18/23, 6/20/23, 4/18/23, 4/4/23, 3/21/23, 3/7/23, 6/21/22. See also 2024 Budget (p. 14) and Capital Improvement Plan (p.32).

² See Resolutions related to the Well Field Project, and related Council Meeting meetings as follows: RESOLUTION 2023-003; 2013-045; 2006-828; Council meeting minutes – 4/16/24, 2/20/24, 10/10-22/23, 9/9/23, 8/15/23, 4/18/23, 12/13/22, 10/18/22 and numerous other meetings. See also 2024 Budget (p. 14) and Capital Improvement Plan (p. 27).