



# PFAS TREATMENT PROJECT GRANT FUNDING

**Riverside Public Utilities/Water**

**Board of Public Utilities**  
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## BACKGROUND

1. RPU submitted FY2024 Community Project Funding Request for the PFAS Treatment Project
2. Congressman Takano's office announced RPU PFAS Treatment Project was selected to receive \$959,752
3. Interior Subcommittee passed FY2024 earmarks
4. March 9, 2024 – Interior spending bills included in Consolidated Appropriations Act and signed into law



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## DISCUSSION

1. RPU will design and construct the PFAS Treatment Project to maximize reduction of PFAS in groundwater wells within the North Orange Well Field.
2. Estimated cost is \$21 million for new treatment vessels and associated piping, mechanical equipment, electrical and instrumentation components, and approximately 3,600 feet of new supply pipeline.
3. Preliminary design effort is complete; final design to follow.



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## PFAS FUNDING

1. The EPA budget appropriation requires 20% non-federal cost-share requirement (\$239,938), and will cover up to \$959,752 in design, construction costs and other applicable expenses.
  - a. Existing funding from Water's funding will provide the cost share
2. RPU has ongoing PFAS litigation which may provide additional funding for PFAS treatment projects.



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# STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



## Strategic Priority 4 - Environmental Stewardship

**Goal 4.2** - Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable and affordable water to our community

### Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Equity



Fiscal Responsibility



Innovation



Sustainability & Resiliency



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# RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Public Utilities recommend that the City Council:

1. Authorize application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grants Program for the Riverside Public Utilities Department's PFAS Treatment Project;
2. Upon Grant award, authorize the City to receive a Congressional earmark in the amount of \$959,752 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grants Program for the Riverside Public Utilities Department's PFAS Treatment Project;
3. With five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to record an increase in estimated revenues and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$959,752 in the Water Fund State Operating Grants revenue and PFAS – Grant Portion expenditure accounts;



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## RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT.)

4. With five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to record an appropriation transfer of \$239,938 from the Public Utilities Facility Rehab Account to the PFAS – RPU Portion Account; and
5. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign all necessary documents for the application to, and implementation of this grant program including application materials, contracts, extensions, and other necessary documents related to the application and implementation of the grant funds.

