

ROBERT SHEPHERD REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Riverside Public Utilities

Board of Public Utilities

June 9, 2025

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BACKGROUND

1. December 1999 – Russell C Well constructed to replace Russell B Well.
2. December 7, 1999 – City Council approved Zoning Case MP-003-989 for 3625 Placentia Lane subject to RPU conditions:
 - a. Sewage system consist of an onsite septic tank and holding tank.
 - b. Contents to be pumped out and delivered to a municipal sewage treatment plant.
 - c. Owner required to connect to municipal sewer when it becomes available.



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BACKGROUND CONT.

3. December 1999 – Letter agreement between Public Utilities Director and property owner.
 - a. Installation of a septic holding tank in lieu of a leach field.
 - b. City agrees to reimburse the cost of emptying tank and waste disposal until system connected to a sewer system.
 - c. Owner agrees to connect to sewer facilities and pay appropriate fees per City rules when sewer is within 200 feet.
 - d. These obligations will be transferred to the new owners of 3625 Placentia Lane.



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BACKGROUND CONT.

4. In 2000 Russell B Well abandoned; October 2015 Russell C Well abandoned. Continued use of nearby potable RPU wells.
5. In 2023, research located a 1999 internal correspondence which recommended a formalized document authorized by Board and City Council as the letter agreement had the potential to exceed the contract authority of the City Manager.
6. From September 2001 to April 2025 a total of \$85,559.97 has been reimbursed to date.

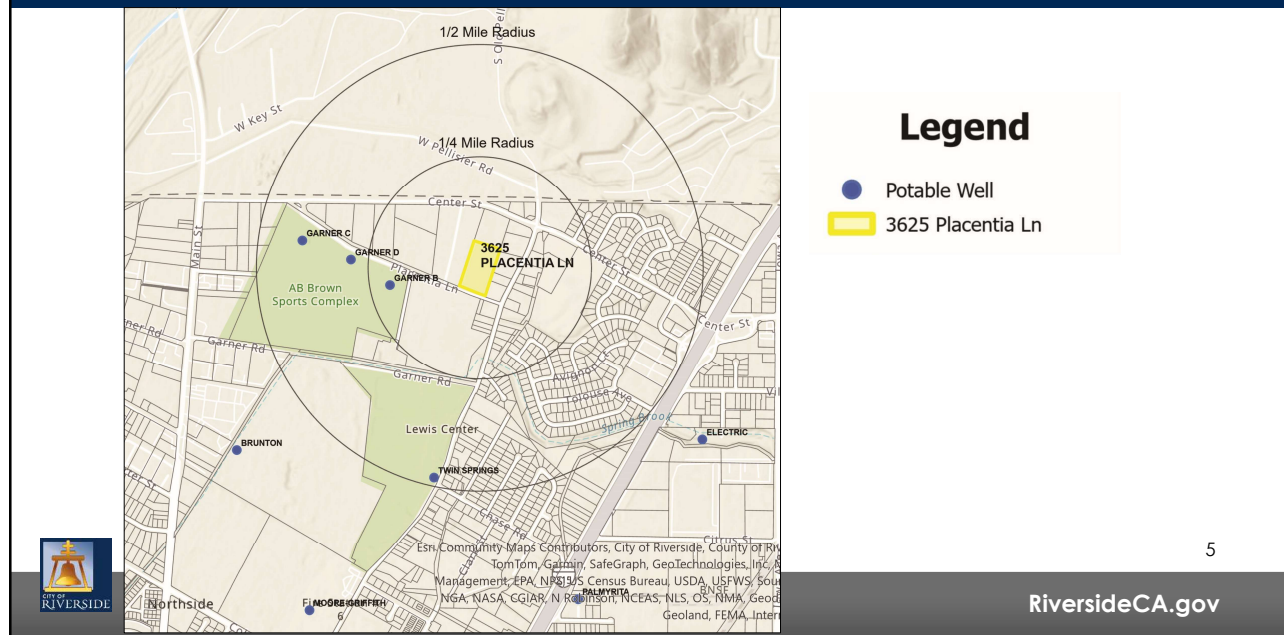


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SITE MAP



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DISCUSSION

1. Formalize agreement with Robert Allen Shepherd, 3625 Placentia Lane, for holding tank cost reimbursement
 - a. Update the sewer connection requirement to match the 160-foot requirement found in the current Riverside Municipal Code, Section 14.08.030.
2. Anticipated development in the Northside Neighborhood over the next 5 to 10 years has the potential to expand existing sewer collection infrastructure.
3. Average annual expenditure ~\$7,100 per year (based on past 5 years).



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DISCUSSION CONT.

4. Estimated projected cost of reimbursements over the next 10 years is \$79,544.
5. Reimbursement agreement provides a level of source water protection of the Riverside North Groundwater Basin and RPU's North Orange Well Field.



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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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RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Approve an agreement with Rober Allen Shepherd, 3625 Placentia Lane, for holding tank cost reimbursement for a term until sewer services are made available; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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