



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2025

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRIFTWOOD DRIVE WATER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,787,000 – WORK ORDER NO. 2108106

ISSUE:

Consider approval of Work Order No. 2108106 in the total amount of \$2,787,000 for all engineering, construction, and paving for the Driftwood Drive Water Pipeline Replacement Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities approve Work Order No. 2108106 in the total amount of \$2,787,000 for all engineering, construction, and paving costs for the Driftwood Drive Water Pipeline Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND:

Water Division staff budget and schedule the replacement of water distribution pipelines annually based on several factors using a prioritization model that considers pipeline age, material, maintenance records, and the criticality of each pipeline segment of the water distribution system.

The subject project is part of an ongoing water main replacement program to replace old and high-priority water mains. The project area consists of 4-inch and 6-inch diameter cast iron water pipelines installed in the 1950's. The pipelines have experienced seventeen reported leaks, of which seven have occurred in the past ten years. Replacing these pipelines, which rank high for replacement based on their leak history, age, material, and size, is a key step in ensuring the continued reliability of the water system.

The project location map attached illustrates the locations of replaced pipelines, as well as upcoming projects in the area immediately surrounding this one.

DISCUSSION:

The work generally entails the construction of approximately 17 linear feet of 12-inch diameter Polyvinyl Chloride (PVCO) pipe, 3,690 linear feet of 8-inch diameter PVCO pipe, 25 linear feet of 6-inch diameter PVCO pipe, 535 linear feet of 4-inch diameter Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe,

seventy-three (73) water services, eight (8) fire hydrants, and nine (9) system connections, along with all necessary fittings, appurtenances, and related incidental work, which will be installed according to RPU's current standards. The Water Division's field crews will perform the construction work. Other than routine service tie-overs, there will be no disruption of water service.

Once the new water mains are installed, RPU will be responsible for standard trench repaving in accordance with the standards set forth by the Public Works Department (PW). PW may perform trench repaving for pipeline projects constructed by the Water Division's field crews. However, if the backlog of PW projects precludes the pipeline paving from occurring on schedule, staff will solicit paving bids from RPU's Paving Contractor Panel. A budgetary estimate for the paving work has been included in this authorization.

Water Division staff have coordinated with PW regarding allowable working hours for this project. The work will generally occur during normal daytime work hours. Staff are coordinating with the Department of Marketing and Communications to establish a project informational website. Additionally, a notification letter will be mailed to customers within the surrounding area upon approval of the project. Staff will continue to reach out directly to customers within the vicinity of the project throughout the project duration.

The project/fiscal breakdown is as follows:

Project and Fiscal Breakdown

Work Type:	Performed By:			Amount:	Percent of Total:
Design	Internal Staff			\$85,470	3.1%
Geotechnical Investigation	GEOMAT Testing Laboratories, Inc.			\$13,630	0.5%
Construction	RPU Water Field Forces	Labor	\$535,000	\$1,389,000	49.8%
		Equipment	\$245,000		
		Materials	\$609,000		
Paving Budget	PW or Paving Contractor Panel			\$950,000	34.1%
Construction Management, Inspection, and Engineering Support	Internal Staff			\$90,000	3.2%
Soil Compaction and Material Testing	Outside Vendor			\$25,000	0.9%
Work Order Construction Contingency (10%)				\$233,900	8.4%
Work Order Total:				\$2,787,000	100.0%
Reimbursements:	None				
Anticipated Start Date:	December 2025				
Anticipated Duration:	8 Months				

The table above identifies the type of work, who will perform the work and the estimated cost for each category. If needed, additional services valued at more than \$50,000 will be solicited using the formal procurement process and brought before the Board of Public Utilities for consideration

and action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total project cost is estimated at \$2,787,000. Sufficient funds are available in the Public Utilities' Water Main Replacement Account No. 6230000-470707.

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Attachments:

1. Project Location Map
2. Presentation