

REPORT

To: Chair and Directors Report Number: ADM-BRD-607

From: Electoral Area Directors Committee Date: June 3, 2025

Subject: Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations from May 8, 2025

The following recommendation from the Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting held on May 8, 2025 is presented to the Regional Board for consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board proceed with amending the Rose Prairie Drilling Authorization Agreement with the landowner, approve drilling a fourth well within 50m of the third drilling location, and continue with the testing and sampling program to determine suitability of the water for treatment using the existing Rose Prairie Water Station to be funded through Electoral Area B Peace River Agreement Funds committed on December 14, 2023 from Spending Item #1 – Potable Water and Feasibility Studies.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On March 6, 2025, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED

That the Regional Board defer drilling a fourth well at the Rose Prairie Water Station until after the Area B Director has held a Rose Prairie community meeting and an online survey has been circulated in the community to gather further information to inform next steps for the Rose Prairie Water Station.

A community information meeting was held in Rose Prairie on March 26, 2025 to gather input on next steps for the water station. A summary report from that meeting was shared with the Electoral Area Directors Committee at its meeting held April 17, 2025, when the Committee deferred consideration of consideration of drilling a fourth well until the Area B Director had discussed options with representatives of Kelt Exploration and CNRL.

Once those discussions were completed, a recommendation was made at EADC on May 8, 2025 to proceed with the fourth well. The draft minutes of the Electoral Area Committee meeting held on May 8, 2025 were provided to the Regional Board the Consent Calendar of May 22, 2025, Regional Board meeting agenda.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

External Links:

- 1. Report ENV-EADC-043, Rose Prairie Water Station Community Meeting and Survey Results (May 1, 2025 Regional Board Meeting Agenda, Consent Agenda Item 12.7)
- 2. Report ADM-BRD-584, Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendation from February 13, 2025 (March 6, 2025 Regional Board Meeting, Agenda Item 8.3)
- 3. <u>Report ENV-EADC-041</u>, <u>Rose Prairie Water Well Drilling Program Update</u> (February 13, 2025 Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting, Agenda Item 8.1).