



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-584

From: Electoral Area Directors Committee

Date: March 6, 2025

Subject: Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendation from February 13, 2025

The following recommendation from the Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting held on February 13, 2025 is presented to the Regional Board for consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

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.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting held on February 13, 2025, are provided on the Consent Calendar of this meeting agenda.

Recommendation

Please click [here](#) to access the Electoral Area Directors Committee Agenda and see Item 8.1 titled 'Rose Prairie Water Well Drilling Program Update, ENV - EADC - 041' to review the report and the attached Tetra Tech report '2024 Field Program Summary – Alternate Water Source Viability Testing for the Rose Prairie Area'.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board proceed with decommissioning and reclamation of the existing Rose Prairie Water Station and affiliated assets, 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.
2. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Asset and Infrastructure Management

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The available capital budget for the Rose Prairie Water project is \$651,831. Previously committed Electoral Area B Peace River Agreement Funds and Electoral Area B Gas Tax Funds are funding the capital project. Tables on the next page show the project expenses and funding commitments.

Table 1: Project Expenses

Project Expense	Expenses to Date
Drilling	\$ 97,370.00
Sampling	\$ 63,423.00
Engineering	\$ 114,716.00
Total Project Expenses	\$ 275,509.00

Table 2: Project Funding Commitments

Grant Source	Original Funding Commitment	Spend To Date	Remaining Commitment
Electoral Area B Peace River Agreement	\$ 409,470.00	\$ 275,509.00	\$ 133,961.00
Electoral Area B Gas Tax	\$ 407,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 407,000.00
Total Project Funding	\$ 816,470.00	\$ 275,509.00	\$ 540,961.00

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Staff will work to develop a communications strategy to inform the public of the final Regional Board decision.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Staff will modify contracts in alignment with the PRRD Purchasing Policy to allow for a contract extension and an increase to the sampling contract, as well as a contract extension for the drilling program should a fourth well be eventually pursued .