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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 93-08

From: Deputy Administrator
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Subject: Water System for New Senior Housing


One of the conditions required by FmHA to provide financing for the new Senior housing project is that the facility be served by a public water system. We agreed to provide water for the project and the project owners agreed to contribute \$15,000 toward the cost of constructing the water system.

We examined the following alternatives to provide the water:

- (1) Use the existing Senior Center well. This proved not feasible because of inadequate volume for the additional requirements.
- (2) Construct an extension of our main water system. The costs were estimated to be about \$600,000.
- (3) Connect to and/or purchase the Century Park system. D.E.C. records indicate that the well and the main lines are at full capacity to serve the entire subdivision. One of the owners of the system indicated they would sell the system for replacement value. No further consideration as an alternative.
- (4) Construct a new deep well and well house in the vicinity of the existing well. A rough cost estimate for this project is about \$90,000. The intent is to provide a system similar to Mission Hills but on a smaller scale. We also plan to inter-connect the two wells so that we will have a back-up for the existing customers and for the new project.

We propose that the project be funded from the water reserve account which represents earnings of the existing water system. The total amount in the fund is about \$330,000.

Recommend that Council introduce the appropriation ordinance so that we can begin site survey and design specifications within a month. Advertising, bid award and construction should be completed in early spring so that water will be available for the construction of the housing project.


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Deputy Administrator