

Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Chip Close, Director of Water Operations
Shad Chittock, Treated Water Superintendent

DATE: August 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Lake of the Pines Water Treatment Plant Chemical Storage Tank
Purchase CIP Project #2749 (Consent)

WATER OPERATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend the 2026 Annual Budget to increase CIP 2749, Lake of the Pines Water Treatment Chemical Tanks, by \$80,000 (new total budget authorization is \$220,000), award the purchase of two chemical tanks to Goble Sampson in the amount of \$126,371, and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

BACKGROUND:

The Lake of the Pines Water Treatment Plant requires replacing one chemical tank and adding one additional tank to store aluminum sulfate used for water treatment. The one existing tank is beyond its useful storage life and is not placed within secondary containment. Adding the second tank is part of a modernization effort that increases storage capacity and allows the plant to remain operational while maintenance is performed on one tank at a time. The additional storage capacity will also improve reliability during supply chain disruptions.

The proposed purchase is being sole-sourced to Goble Sampson, as they are the only vendor that sells the chemical storage tanks utilized at all other District treatment plants. Purchasing from this vendor ensures commonality between parts and services. Using a different manufacturer would create compatibility issues, make maintenance more difficult, and potentially increase replacement part costs.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The 2026 CIP budget includes \$140,000 for this project. The Operations Department originally requested \$220,000 for this project; however, the approved budget included only \$140,000.

The cost to purchase the tanks is \$126,370.75, which is \$93,629.25 less than the allotted budget of \$220,000. The remaining budget is allotted for constructing an access road and the construction of the required concrete containment structure.

Attachments: None