

**ARPA Submission
12-27-21**

Project:

City of Newberg Redundant Water Supply

Justification:

The City's current water supply is the well field on the south side of the Willamette River. To address supply vulnerability and long-term water resiliency, the City is pursuing other sources. The redundant supply should have an approximate capacity of 4-8 million gallons per day (mgd).

On July 20, 2020, the City Council gave direction to secure water rights and property as part of the Local Willamette Alternative for the Safe & Reliable Water Future. Staff has been in negotiations with WestRock Northwest, LLC to acquire Oregon Water Right Certificate 90014. This water right allows for 8.0 cfs (5.17 mgd) of water rights on the Willamette River.

Staff met with Council in executive session on December 6, 2021 to discuss the transaction. In December 2021, the seller and the City agreed on the terms of the purchase agreement of \$3,185,435.00.

Project Sustainability:

A secondary, redundant source of water is vital to our community - its residents, businesses, schools, churches, and non-profit organizations. As Willamette River water rights are scarce, this is an opportunity for long lasting resiliency, community safety, and economic vitality. The use of ARPA funds for this project will extend existing City resources while achieving a long-desired goal and need.

Request:

\$1,500,000. Remaining balance will be drawn from other internal sources to be determined.

ARPA Expenditure category:

Infrastructure 5.13 – Drinking Water Source

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