

# WATER SYSTEM DEFICIENCIES

A Sanitary Survey completed by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) has identified a number of deficiencies associated with the public water system. The survey found that potential exposure of various contamination sources



infiltrating the spring water supply could lead to coliform bacterial outputs in the drinking water supply. Coliform

bacteria can lead to impacts to the general public's digestive system. For individuals with compromised immune systems, severe impacts could be chronic (or even fatal). It is anticipated

that the proposed project will address the threat of coliform bacteria through the reconstruction of the spring source collection system.



# Bond Election Details

You have the opportunity to vote on the issuance of a proposed water revenue bond.

- **WHEN:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- **WHY:** Low-interest loan and grant funding is available to address drinking water system deficiencies, but a bond is required to take on the available loan.

**LEARN MORE** at the City's Open House event taking place **Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at Bellevue Elementary, 305 N 5th St, Bellevue, ID 83313.

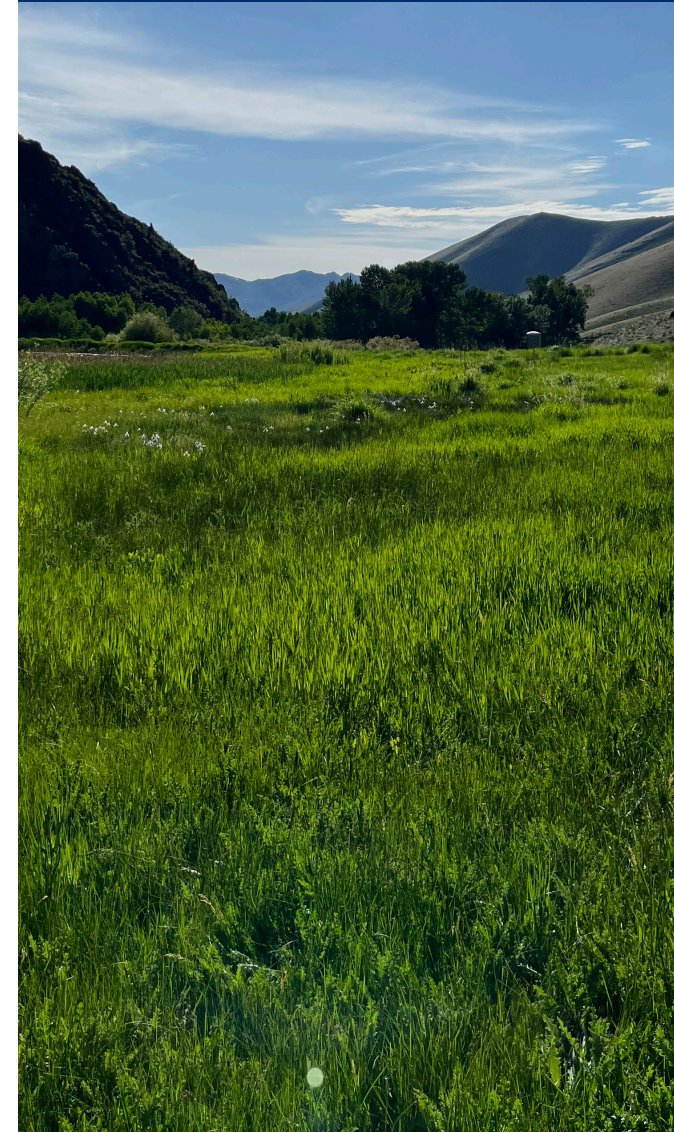
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# City of Bellevue

May 21, 2024 Proposed  
Water Revenue Bond  
Election

Information Guide



# WATER SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The City of Bellevue owns and operates a public drinking water system (PWS) for residents, several commercial entities, and a school. The PWS is comprised of the following facilities:

Two groundwater wells



Five infiltration gallery spring sources



Ground-level storage reservoir



Booster Station



Transmission/distribution system

# PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed water improvement project includes:

Project	Description
<b>Leak Detection Survey</b>	This effort will locate leaks throughout the system and help guide priorities for water main replacements.
<b>Seamans Creek New Springs Collection System</b>	A new springs collection system will be constructed and connected to the rest of the springs system.
<b>Seamans Creek Springs Land Purchase and Easements</b>	The City does not own nor have a permanent easement for the existing springs collection system. This effort will help the City acquire land or easements for system facilities.
<b>Seamans Creek Springs System Transmission Main Reconstruction</b>	Approximately 16,000 feet of 16-inch transmission main will be constructed to replace the existing failing main.
<b>Hwy 75 Watermain Improvement</b>	Approximately 1,250 feet of undersized main will be replaced with 12-inch water main.

# PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING OVERVIEW

The City is considering calling an election to ask its voters for an issuance of revenue bonds in the amount of **\$7.0 million** to pay a portion of the costs of the project.

If approved, a revenue bond will allow the City to take on a **\$7.0 million debt** to help fund a portion of the improvements with a proposed loan from IDEQ. A \$7.0 million revenue bond result in a monthly user rate increase of \$34. The rate increase will be used to pay the loan back to IDEQ.

IDEQ has proposed a **\$6.3 million loan from the State Revolving Fund and a \$3.3 million Leading Idaho Funds grant**. The total funding package offer is \$9.6 million. This is the minimum amount necessary to address the issues identified in IDEQ's Sanitary Survey.

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue is 2.5% per annum. The total amount estimated to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$8,937,996 consisting of \$7,000,000 in principal, plus \$1,937,996 of interest. The term of the bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed bond is a tax of \$0.00 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions.

As of May 21, 2024, the total existing bonded indebtedness of the City, including interest accrued, is \$0.00.