



Memorandum

To: City of Bellevue Common Council

From: Chris Johnson, Public Works Director

Re: Amended Drinking Water Facility Plan Continuation

Date: 27 April 22, 2026

Overview

After discussion with staff from the Twin Falls regional office of the Idaho Department of Water Resources and our water law attorney it is recommended we continue with our original approved Drinking Water Facility Plan Technical Draft as the scope of work allows more flexibility in the project and aligns closer to our current use and water rights as decreed.

Recommendation and Next Steps

The Drinking Water Facility Plan Technical Draft, which has already been approved by council, will be submitted to Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for final approval and no further action will be needed by the council.

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Bellevue
FROM: Merrick & Company
DATE: April 22, 2026
JOB NO.: 150126.030A
SUBJECT: Drinking Water Improvements Project Status Report

1.1 Purpose of Memorandum

- Provide clear status of project to the City leadership, community, and project stakeholders.
- Be transparent and inclusive with the City leadership, community, and project stakeholders on engineering and construction activities.
- Resolve questions that may arise surrounding project activities and near future project activities.

1.2 Project Activities Completed

A summary of activities completed by Merrick & Company from March 4th, 2026, through April 22nd, 2026, is provided below:

- Facility Plan preparation
- Water right/easement work including meeting/discussion
- Environmental Information Document (EID) agency consultation
- Construction Plan preparation

1.3 May 2026 Milestones & Deliverables

- Construction Plan Preparation
- Facility Plan Preparation
- Environmental Information Document (EID) DEQ consultation
- Preliminary Engineering Report preparation
- Easement work
- Water Right work

1.4 Longer-term Milestones, Deliverables, & Requirements

- Completion of the PER (06-26)
- Construction Plans and Specifications to IDEQ (07-26)
- Additional negotiations between the City and the Landowner will likely be required to provide additional access for Merrick and City's subconsultants to perform additional preliminary engineering investigations and studies, including Wetlands and Cultural Resource Surveys, the SERP and other IDEQ-required reports and/or documents, and other interests the City may decide.
 - Currently, access to perform these IDEQ-required milestones and produce the IDEQ-required deliverables are not included in the City and Landowner MOU.



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Drinking Water Improvements Project

Anticipated Project Timelines

This timeline reflects an expedited approach to project delivery. Merrick is committed to maintaining momentum and proactively managing challenges, however it is important to remain flexible with specific dates and timeframes as they hinge on unknown approval timeframes. Obtaining Water Team approval may cause delays.

MONTH (ANTICIPATED)	KEY ACTIVITIES	NOTES
Dec 2025	- Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Preparation - Environmental Documentation (EID) Preparation	COMPLETED
Jan 2026	- Complete final facility plan - Submit final facility plan for IDEQ approval	COMPLETED
Feb 2026	- Hold water group meeting regarding draft PER - Provide draft PER to water group	COMPLETED
Mar 2026	- Environmental Documentation Work - PER preparation/meetings/alternatives - Construction Plan Preparation	COMPLETED
78 Apr 2026	- Environmental Documentation Work - PER preparation/meetings/alternatives - Construction Plan preparation	Exact timeframe of IDEQ approval unknown
May 2026	- Receive IDEQ final facility plan approval - Submit PER to IDEQ - Construction Plan preparation	Exact timeframe of IDEQ approval unknown
Jun 2026	- Receive PER Approval - Construction Plan Preparation	Exact timeframe of IDEQ approval unknown
Jul 2026	Submit construction plans to IDEQ	Exact timeframe of IDEQ approval unknown
Aug 2026	Receive IDEQ construction plan approval	Exact timeframe of IDEQ approval unknown
Sep 2026	Project out to bid	Exact timeframe of IDEQ approval unknown
Oct 2026	Anticipated construction start date.	Exact timeframe of IDEQ approval unknown