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Staff Report

Item # 5E

To: Lemoore City Council
From: David Wlaschin, Public Works Director
Date: July 27, 2006
Subject: Bid Authorization – Test Well at Well field

Background:

The Public Works Department is requesting authorization to go out for bid on the drilling of a pilot (test) well at the City well field. The project will involve the boring of the well and sampling of the aquifers in an attempt to find lower levels of arsenic.

The test well will be back to Council for award in September and the work will begin in October. Results will be known by December. Based on the results, we will determine if this is an alternative that we can pursue to meet the Federal Arsenic Standards.

Budget Impact:

This project is budgeted for in the Water Capital Improvement Program (2006/08) in the amount of \$650,000. The 2006/08 Capital Improvement Budget will be presented to the Council for consideration prior to awarding the contract for the pilot well.

Recommendation:

That Council authorize Staff to go out to bid for the construction of a pilot well at the City's well field.