



Evergreen
Water & Sewer
DISTRICT 1

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RESOLUTION 2024-24

**AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND PREPARE A PER
ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES
FOR THE DISTRICT’S SEWER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Flathead County Water District #1 – Evergreen (“District”) currently has a Sanitary Sewer Treatment Agreement with the City of Kalispell (“City Treatment Agreement”), which expires in 2035, for treatment of wastewater from the District’s sewer collection system; and

WHEREAS, the City Treatment Agreement provides for treatment of the District’s wastewater up to a cap of 805,000 gallons per day based on a 75-day rolling 24-hour average (“Treatment Cap”) within a defined boundary (“City Treatment Boundary”) being served by the District; and

WHEREAS, the City Treatment Agreement has been renewed in the past and can be renewed in 2035 by agreement of the parties, but will not likely contain any modifications of the Treatment Cap or City Treatment Boundary based on discussions with the City; and

WHEREAS, based on growth experienced in the District’s current and potential service areas, the City Treatment Agreement may not be sufficient to provide the treatment volume or service area necessary for the long-term future; and

WHEREAS, environmental impacts of growth without a public sewer in areas of the Flathead River drainage located in proximity to the existing District system that are outside the City Treatment Boundary should be considered; and

WHEREAS, based on cost increases the District has experienced in the past five years under the City’s current rate methodology that assesses significant strength charges in addition to volume charges, the District has identified the need to explore other cost-effective options for wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Montana law and District Policy, an Engineering Firm for the preparation of a PER must be selected through a competitive Request for Proposal Process; and

WHEREAS, grant funding from the State of Montana has been awarded to the District for this PER; and

WHEREAS, any wastewater treatment alternatives identified in a PER may require significant lead time for design, funding, permitting, and construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the General Manager is authorized to release for distribution and publication the Request for Proposal, attached as Exhibit “A” to this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is authorized to take such other actions as are necessary so that a recommendation can be provided to the Board for consideration of proposals received.

Approved August 14, 2024

FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #1 – EVERGREEN
Board of Directors

By: _____
B.J. Lupton, President

Attest:

By: _____
Cynthia S. Murray, Secretary to the Board