



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

**SUBJECT**

Change Order Number 8 for Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) Number 50-22, Ranchos Real 6.1 MGD Pump Station and Airport Booster Station Replacement

**BACKGROUND**

In September 2022, the Public Service Board awarded CSP Number 50-22 to Smithco Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Ranchos Real 6.1 MGD Pump Station and replacement of the Airport Booster Station. This infrastructure is vital to serve the expanding East Montana service area.

During construction, due to unforeseen conditions related to the replacement of Airport Booster Station, a pipe realignment was necessary which required an additional 2,425 square yards of paving. This change order increases the cumulative contract amount by 11.9% and has no impact to contract time.

**PRIOR PSB ACTION**

- On September 14, 2022, the Public Service Board awarded of CSP Number 50-22, Ranchos Real 6.1 MGD Pump Station and Airport Booster Station Replacement to Smithco Construction, Inc.
- On November 8, 2023, the Public Service Board approved of Change Order No. 1 CSP 50-22 for the installation of 3 additional pumps at the Ranchos Real pump station in the amount of \$898,497.86.
- On November 13, 2024, the Public Service Board approved of Change Order No. 5 for the installation of motorized valves at the Airport Booster Station in the amount of \$837,964.07.
- Change Orders 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 have been approved administratively

**UTILITY KPI ALIGNMEN**

Improve Infrastructure

**EVALUATION PROCESS**

EPWater staff reviewed and validated the change in field quantities and associated pricing. After discussions with the contractor, staff successfully negotiated a reduced unit cost and verified that the final cost aligns with current market conditions and construction standards.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Sufficient funds are available in Account Number 1060. This expenditure is part of the FY2025-26 budget.

**PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider and approve Change Order Number 8 – Bid Number CSP 50-22, Ranchos Real 6.1 MGD Pump Station and Airport Booster Station Replacement with Smithco Construction, Inc., increasing the contract amount by \$188,153.99.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED**

- None