

Workshop Item #1



TASK ORDER 2027.001
Permit Application Review and Support

This Task Order is made this the 1st day of October 2026, by and between Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (“CUWCD”) and KT Groundwater, LLC (“KTGW”) pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Services Agreement executed between the Parties on the 10th day of January, 2024, (“Agreement”), which is incorporated into this Task Order by reference.

1. The Services to be performed by Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

KTGW will perform non-exempt well permit application reviews as needed. We understand that not all non-exempt applications requiring review will require the same level of professional analysis and we will be guided by District staff regarding the level of analysis for each application. For example, a non-exempt application with a production request of more than five (5) acre-feet per year will require detailed modeling and analysis of the drilling or operating permit, as applicable.

The following table provides our assumptions of work and estimated maximum cost for each anticipated permit evaluation type. Assumptions and costs presented below are based on previous work conducted for similar permits. Actual costs will be based on the time spent on application review. For uncontested permit applications, we will perform the proposed work at or below the estimated maximum cost. For contested permit applications or cases with greater levels of complexity than typical permits, we will work to support the District in an efficient manner; however, actual costs will be based on time spent associated with the permit application.

Permit Evaluation Type	Anticipated Work	Estimated Cost per Evaluation
Less than 1 acre-foot per year	• Perform analytical modeling of proposed pumping • Evaluate projected beneficial use • Assess proposed well completion relative to the local geology • Provide summary technical memo with conclusions and recommendations • Attend Board meeting to answer questions during public hearing	\$300
1 to 5 acre-feet per year	Same as above	\$2,100
More than 5 acre-feet per year	All above work plus: • Using the coupled NTGAM-CGMM to model the proposed production, if applicable • Well completion data review (if applicable) • Meeting with District staff and the applicant to discuss the permit application and findings from the review • Preparing a summary report discussing the findings from the application review • Providing a formal presentation of the findings to the District Board during the permit hearing	\$4,200

2. The Project Schedule is as follows:

Work will be performed as needed during CUWCD fiscal year 2027.

3. The compensation to be paid to KTGW for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is based on actual time at the following hourly rates:

- Principal: \$235
- Senior Hydrogeologist: \$165 to \$215
- Hydrogeologist: \$125 to \$165

4. Deliverables to be provided under this Task Order are as indicated in the table under Item 1 above.

Task Order Authorization

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TASK ORDER 2027.002
CUWCD Fiscal Year 2027 General Geoscience Consulting

This Task Order is made this the 1st day of October 2026, by and between Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District ("CUWCD") and KT Groundwater, LLC ("KTGW") pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Services Agreement executed between the Parties on the 10th day of January, 2024 ("Agreement"), which is incorporated into this Task Order by reference.

1. The Services to be performed by Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

At the District's request KTGW will be available to provide General Geoscience Consulting services. This Task Order will facilitate authorization of general consulting tasks via email or phone call without further formal authorization during fiscal year 2026.

2. The Project Schedule is for Work to be performed as needed during fiscal year 2026.

3. The compensation to be paid to KTGW for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is based on actual time at the following hourly rates:

- Principal: \$235
- Senior Hydrogeologist: \$165 to \$215
- Hydrogeologist: \$125 to \$165

4. Deliverables to be provided under this Task Order will vary depending upon the specific request.

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TASK ORDER 2027.003
GMA 8 Joint Planning Support

This Task Order is made this the 1st day of October 2026, by and between Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (“CUWCD”) and KT Groundwater, LLC (“KTGW”) pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Services Agreement executed between the Parties on the 10th day of January, 2024 (“Agreement”), which is incorporated into this Task Order by reference.

1. The Services to be performed by Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

To support CUWCD during the current round of joint planning, KTGW will:

- Attend GMA 8 meetings and technical committee meetings to support the final adoption of desired future conditions (“DFCs”) prior to January 5, 2027
- Support CUWCD’s response to public comments related to proposed DFCs
- Support CUWCD’s comments and contributions to the final Explanatory Report

For cost estimate purposes, we anticipate two GMA 8 meetings at Prairielands GCD and two CUWCD Board meetings specifically related to joint planning.

2. The Project Schedule is for Work to be performed as needed during fiscal year 2027 based on the meeting schedule for GMA 8.

3. The compensation to be paid to KTGW for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is based on actual time at the following hourly rates:

- Principal: \$235
- Senior Hydrogeologist: \$165 to \$215
- Hydrogeologist: \$125 to \$165

For budgeting purposes, costs are not to exceed \$10,000 without prior authorization.

4. Deliverables to be provided under this Task Order are anticipated to include:

- Updates at regularly scheduled Board meetings regarding the status of DFC adoption and Explanatory Report completion
- Explanatory Report sections specifically related to CUWCD's adopted DFCs

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TASK ORDER 2027.004

TWDB Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grant

This Task Order is made this the 1st day of October 2026, by and between Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (“CUWCD”) and KT Groundwater, LLC (“KTGW”) pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Services Agreement executed between the Parties on the 10th day of January, 2024 (“Agreement”), which is incorporated into this Task Order by reference.

1. The Services to be performed by Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

CUWCD has been approved to receive a grant from the TWDB to expand its groundwater monitoring program by pairing production data from selected high-production wells with continuous water level measurements. The resulting dataset will help the District better evaluate aquifer response to pumping, support Desired Future Condition (“DFC”) trend analysis, and improve the technical basis for long-term groundwater management decisions. KTGW will assist CUWCD with the hydrogeologic and data analysis portions of the project, including site selection, integration of production and water level datasets, and preparation of project deliverables consistent with the grant application. The following summarizes the services presented in the grant application that KTGW will provide to assist CUWCD with this project:

Task 1 – Project Management and Site Selection

KTGW will assist CUWCD with project coordination and selection of monitoring locations. This work will include reviewing candidate production wells based on aquifer representation, spatial distribution, accessibility, production rates, existing monitoring infrastructure, and identified data gaps. KTGW will also assist with evaluating whether proposed sites are suitable for pairing totalizing flow meter data with acoustic water level measurements and telemetry. The goal of this task will be to help CUWCD select monitoring locations that provide useful long-term data for evaluating pumping effects, aquifer response, and groundwater management conditions.

Task 2 – Data Integration and Analysis Framework

KTGW will assist CUWCD with developing a framework for integrating production data with continuous water level measurements in the District's database and dashboard system. This work will include coordinating with CUWCD and its database/dashboard team to help ensure that pumping rates, cumulative production volumes, run times, and water level data can be reviewed together as synchronized datasets. KTGW will also assist with developing quality assurance and quality control procedures for reviewing the combined datasets and identifying potential data issues. The integrated dataset will support evaluation of aquifer response to pumping, long-term groundwater trends, and DFC-related analyses.

Task 3 – Reporting and Deliverables

KTGW will assist CUWCD with preparing project reporting and deliverables required for the TWDB grant. This work may include assisting with quarterly progress summaries, compiling and reviewing water level and production datasets, and preparing a technical memorandum summarizing the methodology, data collection process, and initial results. KTGW will also assist with preparing synchronized production and water level datasets for delivery to TWDB in accordance with applicable grant requirements. Upon integration of the data into the data management system, we will investigate the feasibility of adding the data to the Aquifer Status Tool.

2. The Project Schedule is as follows:

We anticipated beginning work on the project October 2026 with completion of the project in September 2027.

3. The compensation to be paid to KTGW for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is based on actual time at the following hourly rates:

- Principal: \$235
- Senior Hydrogeologist: \$165 to \$215
- Hydrogeologist: \$125 to \$165

For budgeting purposes, costs are not to exceed the TWDB allocation of \$45,000 without prior authorization.

4. Deliverables to be provided under this Task Order are anticipated to include:
- Quarterly progress summaries including water level and production datasets
 - Technical memorandum summarizing methodology and collected data
 - Delivery of synchronized production and water-level datasets to TWDB

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TASK ORDER 2027.005

Water Quality Sampling Support

This Task Order is made this the 1st day of October 2026, by and between Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (“CUWCD”) and KT Groundwater, LLC (“KTGW”) pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Services Agreement executed between the Parties on the 10th day of January, 2024 (“Agreement”), which is incorporated into this Task Order by reference.

1. The Services to be performed by Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

Previous water quality studies within portions of Edwards (BFZ) Aquifer have identified elevated fluoride concentrations in the District and the potential movement of the 1,000 mg/L total dissolved solids (“TDS”) boundary. Since those studies, CUWCD has collected additional water quality samples to better assess the extent of the high-fluoride zone and the freshwater-brackish water interface. However, data gaps remain, particularly between Salado and Williamson County, and comparisons between studies are limited because the wells sampled have changed over time. Additional sampling, including dedicated transects across the freshwater-brackish water interface and targeted sampling of the Edwards (BFZ) and Trinity aquifers, would provide a more consistent dataset for evaluating water quality conditions, long-term trends, and potential cross-formational flow.

It is our understanding that student interns from Baylor University will be able to conduct water sampling from wells within the District. The following tasks discuss how KTGW will assist in the water quality sampling efforts.

Task 1 – Assist with Well Selection

KTGW will assist CUWCD with identifying wells suitable for ongoing water quality sampling. This work will include reviewing available well information, aquifer assignments, spatial distribution, prior water quality results, and access considerations to help select wells that provide useful coverage for continued monitoring. The goal of this task will be to support development of a representative

sampling network that improves the understanding of water quality conditions and trends within the study area.

Task 2 – Assist in Review of Water Quality Results

KTGW will assist CUWCD with reviewing water quality results collected as part of the ongoing sampling program. This work will include evaluating major ion chemistry, TDS, fluoride, and other relevant constituents to assess spatial patterns, temporal trends, and differences between aquifers. KTGW will also compare new results to previous sampling data, where appropriate, to help evaluate the extent of the high-fluoride zone, changes near the freshwater-brackish water interface, and potential indicators of cross-formational flow between the Edwards (BFZ) and Trinity aquifers.

2. The Project Schedule is as follows:

We anticipated beginning work on the project October 2026 with completion of the project in FY 2027 based on the finalization of sampling by the student interns and analysis of samples.

3. The compensation to be paid to KTGW for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is based on actual time at the following hourly rates:

- Principal: \$235
- Senior Hydrogeologist: \$165 to \$215
- Hydrogeologist: \$125 to \$165

For budgeting purposes, costs are not to exceed \$7,500 without prior authorization.

4. Deliverables to be provided under this Task Order are anticipated to include:

- Maps of the water quality sampling locations and results
- Figures illustrating the constituent concentration changes over time, if applicable
- Presentation slides supporting the student interns' efforts

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TASK ORDER 2027.006

Aquifer Data Analysis Tool Updates, Maintenance, and Hosting

This Task Order is made this the 1st day of October 2026, by and between Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (“CUWCD”) and KT Groundwater, LLC (“KTGW”) pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Services Agreement executed between the Parties on the 10th day of January, 2024 (“Agreement”), which is incorporated into this Task Order by reference.

1. The Services to be performed by Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

Background

KTGW and Spheros have worked well together to integrate our custom data analysis and modeling tools into the data management system (“DMS”) they maintain for CUWCD. However, because of differences in our approaches, we have identified some delays in addressing updates to our tools within their DMS. Specifically, the DMS operates in a Linux-based environment which requires that the Spheros team modify our tools to function properly since our development work is in a Windows-based environment.

Proposed Approach

To reduce the need for Spheros to modify our programming and facilitate more rapid and responsive maintenance to our tools, we will transition the Aquifer Data Analysis Tool to our own hosting environment. We currently maintain this tool in a private GitHub repository and under the approach, the tool would be configured so that approved changes made in GitHub repository would be deployed directly to the live application without additional reconfiguration by Spheros. This approach would allow KTGW to maintain the dashboard code, supporting data, and deployment process in a more centralized and efficient workflow.

The initial effort would focus on preparing the existing dashboard tool for hosted deployment. This includes:

- Organizing the application files and folder structure for a hosting environment
- Documenting all Python dependencies and creating deployment configuration files
- Replacing local file paths with portable references compatible with the new hosting environment
- Configuring each application to run under a production-grade web server
- Setting up continuous deployment so that merges to the main Github branch automatically update the live application
- Coordinating with Spheros to:
 - Replace existing iFrame links on the District website with updated embed code pointing to the new hosted application
 - Establish an Application Programming Interface (“API”) through which frequent (at least nightly) data can be exported from the database
- Connecting supporting data files (CSVs) to the agreed-upon data source and testing nightly automated updates
- Testing the application end-to-end in the new environment before going live

A key part of the Aquifer Data Analysis Tool is the data stored within the DMS. To facilitate the transition to our hosting the tool, Spheros will need to create the APIs that will allow us to interact and access the database. An example of an API that may be similar to the one Spheros will create is from the TexMesonet (<https://www.texmesonet.org/api/CurrentData>). Spheros provided cost estimates for creation of APIs and updating of the current iFrame which are detailed in item 3 below.

In addition to the transition, we are including contingency costs for routine maintenance and minor updates which may be identified during FY 2027. One minor update includes revising the desired future conditions (“DFCs”) analysis to the adopted DFCs after January 5, 2027.

Benefits of Transition

The primary benefits of this transition include:

- Faster implementation of updates so changes go live within minutes of approval
- Direct control over the hosting environment without relying on third party deployment support
- Centralized workflow: code, data, and deployment all managed KTGW
- More flexible framework for future improvements

This transition would preserve the existing dashboard functionality while improving the long-term maintainability and responsiveness of the tool. Future improvements could include integration with a relational database or cloud-based storage system to support larger datasets and more efficient data management.

2. The Project Schedule is as follows:

We anticipated beginning work on the project October 2026. We will complete the transition to hosting in the 1st quarter of the fiscal year with finalization of the transition dependent on the API development by Spheros. We will update the tool with the adopted DFCs in the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year. Depending on API development, we anticipate completion of the transition prior to the summer 2027.

3. The compensation to be paid to KTGW for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is based on actual time at the following hourly rates:

- Principal: \$235
- Senior Hydrogeologist: \$165 to \$215
- Hydrogeologist: \$125 to \$165

Spheros provided a not-to-exceed cost of \$8,000 for development of the API and reconfiguration of the iFrame within the DMS. These costs will be paid to Spheros by KTGW. For budgeting purposes, total costs are not to exceed \$21,500 without prior authorization.

4. Deliverables to be provided under this Task Order are anticipated to include:

- Aquifer Data Analysis Tool deployed and live at a stable URL
- GitHub repository updated with all deployment configuration files
- Auto-deploy pipeline configured — GitHub repository pushes go live automatically

- Nightly data connection tested and confirmed working
- Brief written confirmation of end-to-end testing
- Updated DFC status analysis included in the dashboard

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TASK ORDER 2027.007
Calibrating the NTGAM-CGMM Coupled Model

This Task Order is made this the 1st day of October 2026, by and between Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (“CUWCD”) and KT Groundwater, LLC (“KTGW”) pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Services Agreement executed between the Parties on the 10th day of January, 2024 (“Agreement”), which is incorporated into this Task Order by reference.

1. The Services to be performed by Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

In FY2026, CUWCD developed a Coupled Model using the Clearwater Groundwater Management Model (“CGMM”) and the Northern Trinity-Woodbine Groundwater Availability Model (“NTGAM”; version 3.01) to support the evaluation of permit applications and potential management decisions. While it was not certain that the models could be successfully coupled, the NTGAM-CGMM coupled model functions well and now provides a framework for evaluating groundwater availability, permit applications, and potential management decisions using both the local-scale detail of the CGMM and the broader regional context of the NTGAM. One limitation is that the coupled model was not re-calibrated because (1) it was not certain the coupling would be as successful as it is and (2) it was not anticipated that re-calibration would be needed. However, while the Upper and Lower Trinity calibration statistics are better in the coupled model compared to the CGMM, the statistics for the Middle Trinity are not as good as the CGMM.

The poorer calibration statistics for the Middle Trinity suggest a poorer predictive capability for the aquifer layer as well. To improve the model, the next step is to update and recalibrate the Coupled Model incorporating newly available hydraulic data from pumping tests, revised model inputs, and additional water level observations. This work will improve the predictive reliability of the Coupled Model and prepare it for integration into CUWCD’s groundwater management tools. The following tasks outline our proposed approach to recalibrate the Coupled Model.

Task 1 – Update to Pumping Test Dataset

Since development of the CGMM, additional pumping tests have been completed within the study area. KTGW will compile and incorporate these new pumping test results into the existing hydraulic property dataset. The updated dataset will be used to refine the initial hydraulic property distributions for the CGMM, providing more representative starting conditions for recalibration. In addition, we will review publicly available records for additional pumping tests within 10 miles of Bell County.

Task 2 – Update Model Structure

During development of the CGMM, model layer elevations were based on the CUWCD geologic model where available. Between the limits of the geologic model and the outer perimeter of the CGMM, the structure data were smoothed using the NTGAM to reduce abrupt changes in layer elevations and improve numerical stability. Since development of the CGMM, the NTGAM structure has been updated as well as geologic models for Williamson County and Coryell County. Because of these updates, KTGW will evaluate and, where necessary, revise the transition between the CGMM structure and the coupled model interface. This work will help reduce abrupt structural changes along the coupling boundary and improve the numerical stability of the Coupled Model.

Task 3 – Update CGMM Boundary Conditions and Recharge

The updated NTGAM includes revisions to River and Drain boundary locations and properties, as well as updated recharge estimates. River cells act as two-way boundaries that allow water to move into or out of the model and are generally used to simulate major rivers. Drain cells act as one-way boundaries that allow water to leave the model and are typically used to represent springs, seeps, and ephemeral streams.

KTGW will review the updated NTGAM River and Drain datasets and incorporate applicable updates into the CGMM. These revisions will improve the representation of surface water and groundwater interaction within the local model area. In addition, these updates will ensure consistency of these boundary packages between the regional and local models within the Coupled Model.

The updated NTGAM also uses a Soil-Water-Balance model approach to estimate recharge. Recharge is applied to Layer 1, representing the shallow aquifer system, and then either moves into deeper layers or exits the model through River or Drain boundaries. KTGW will update the CGMM recharge inputs, as appropriate, to improve the simulation of recharge reaching the deeper formations in Bell County.

KTGW will also evaluate the most appropriate treatment of 2020–2025 pumping in the Coupled Model. At a minimum, updated pumping within the CGMM area will be incorporated. For areas outside the CGMM, regional pumping may be held constant from the end of the NTGAM calibration period or updated using readily available datasets, depending on data availability and project needs.

Task 4 – Update Calibration Dataset

The CGMM was originally calibrated using data from 1890 through 2020. Since that time, additional water level data have been collected. KTGW will update the calibration dataset to include additional water level observations within Bell County through 2025.

For the regional model, KTGW will compile water level data from the TWDB for wells identified in the NTGAM calibration dataset, with emphasis on wells located near the coupling interface. These targets will be used to help evaluate simulated heads and fluxes between the regional model and the CGMM. Calibration weights will be assigned so that regional targets provide appropriate control along the coupling interface without overly influencing the local model calibration.

Task 5 – Calibration of Coupled Simulation

KTGW will recalibrate the Coupled Model using a PESTPP-IES workflow similar to the approach used to calibrate both the CGMM and NTGAM. The calibration workflow will be updated to include local CGMM calibration targets, regional model targets near the coupling interface, and appropriate calibration statistics for evaluating model performance.

During calibration, adjustable parameters will be limited to the CGMM area. This approach will allow the local model to be refined while preserving the regional calibration and structure of the NTGAM.

Task 6 – Predictive Scenarios

Following recalibration, KTGW will prepare predictive model files for the Coupled Model. The predictive model will be used to evaluate groundwater management and permit-related scenarios. Anticipated predictive scenarios include:

1. Evaluation of the Desired Future Condition (“DFC”) using the well file adopted by GMA 8;
2. Evaluation of how pumping may change with the adopted DFC; and
3. Simulation of 2 hypothetical permit application scenarios presented in the NTGAM-CGMM Coupled Model report to show how the predictive results changed.

Additional scenarios may be developed in coordination with CUWCD.

Task 7 – Reporting and Presentations

KTGW will coordinate with TWDB regarding the appropriate classification and documentation requirements for the recalibrated Coupled Model. Based on the anticipated level of revision, the model would likely be considered a model update rather than a new alternative model; however, this determination will be coordinated with TWDB. Because additional effort may be required for TWDB meetings, documentation, and responses to review comments, this task is only for one virtual meeting with the TWDB to clarify their interest in the Coupled Model, present the model and results, and get clarity on its potential as a GAM.

We will prepare a draft and final report documenting the data, model construction, model recalibration, and results. We will work with CUWCD to solicit stakeholder comments on the draft model and incorporate comments into the final report. We will present the project to the Board and, if requested, stakeholders. Also, if requested, we will work with Clearwater staff to share the results with GMA 8 and the TWDB.

2. The Project Schedule is as follows:

We anticipated beginning work on the project October 2026. The table below illustrates our anticipated project schedule.

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D = Draft report provided prior to July Board Meeting

P = Presentation of the draft report and project at the August Board Meeting

F = Final report delivered prior to the September Board Meeting

3. The compensation to be paid to KTGW for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is based on actual time at the following hourly rates:

- Principal: \$235
- Senior Hydrogeologist: \$165 to \$215
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We believe the services described above can be accomplished for a not-to-exceed without prior authorization cost of \$64,700 with the Task cost breakdown as follows:

Task 1 – Pumping Test Data	\$3,500
Task 2 – Model Structure	\$6,900
Task 3 – Boundary Conditions	\$4,900
Task 4 – Calibration Data	\$6,900
Task 5 – Recalibration	\$17,500
Task 6 – Predictive Scenarios	\$8,500
Task 7 – Reporting and Presentations	\$16,500
Project Total	\$64,700

4. Deliverables to be provided under this Task Order are anticipated to include:

- Model files for the Coupled Model
- Presentation of the model and results to the Board during a regularly scheduled Board meeting
- Report documenting the updates to the Coupled Model and calibration dataset, recalibration approach and results, and predictive scenario results
- Memo summarizing the meeting with the TWDB

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Workshop Item #2



July 6, 2026

Proposal # R26-01073-00

Ms. Whitney Ingram, General Manager
Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
700 Kennedy County
Belton, Texas 76513

Re: Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District - Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Task Order

Dear Ms. Ingram,

We have prepared the attached task order for Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District ("CUWCD") to provide professional hydrogeologic consulting services for fiscal year 2027. This task order includes continued hosting, sustainment, and enhancements to the Districts Database Management System. The task order provides a proposed scope of services, associated costs and schedule, and remains subject to the letter of engagement executed between CUWCD and Spheros Environmental "formally LRE Water", on September 4, 2019.

For fiscal year 2027, the following tasks, schedules, and budgets are presented for CUWCD's review and further consideration. Additional tasks may be added to this task order based on the needs of CUWCD.

Details related to each of the proposed tasks are included in the attached proposed task orders. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve CUWCD in our specialty. If you have any questions, email me at Wallace.Darling@SpherosEnv.com or Kelly at Kelly.Close@SpherosEnv.com.

Thank you,

Wallace Darling

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Task Order 2027.1 - Hosting

The services to be performed by the Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

Spheros will host the CUWCD database management system. This task also includes Spheros's project management and coordination time associated with this and other 2027 task orders.

Services associated with this task order will include:

Task	Cost	Task Description
1.1 – Cloud Hosting	\$750	Hosting for 1 year with Amazon Web Services (the database) and Netlify (the user interface) plus labor for managing the account.
1.2 – Project Coordination & Management	\$2,400	Based on an estimated half-hour to one hour per month for the Spheros project manager spent reviewing timesheets, preparing invoices, and project status reports and communicating with the Client.

1. The project schedule is as follows: We will begin this work immediately upon receiving permission to proceed and continue to the end of the District's Fiscal Year 2027.
2. The Compensation to be paid to the Consultant for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is a lump sum in the amounts indicated in the above table.
3. Deliverable to be provided under this Task Order include keeping the system actively hosted for the duration of the period of this task order.

Task Order 2027.2 - Sustainment

The services to be performed by the Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

Spheros will perform routine backups, monitoring and critical fixes as needed to keep the system running properly.

Services associated with this task order will include:

Task	Cost	Task Description
2.1 – System Maintenance	\$3,500	Routine maintenance, backups, critical patches, monitoring, bug fixes and fixes due to breaks caused by software or browser updates. This is an estimate based on past years' support needs and Spheros will coordinate with CUWCD mid-year (Jan/Feb 2027) to evaluate whether additional funds are needed to maintain the system through the end of the Fiscal Year.

1. The project schedule is as follows: We will begin this work immediately upon receiving permission to proceed and continue to the end of the District's Fiscal Year 2027.
2. The Compensation to be paid to the Consultant for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is a lump sum in the amounts indicated in the above table. Spheros will coordinate with CUWCD mid-year (Jan/Feb 2027) to evaluate whether additional funds are needed to maintain the system through the end of the Fiscal Year.
3. Deliverables to be provided under this Task Order include a working dashboard with 2 business day turnaround time for break/fix issues unless otherwise discussed between CUWCD and Spheros.

Task Order 2027.3 - Enhancements

The services to be performed by the Consultant under this Task Order are as follows:

During FY2022, Spheros (formally LRE Water), developed a new Dashboard and data management/display system for Clearwater UWCD. Under this task we will continue to improve the dashboard with enhancements or additional tools/functionality.

Services associated with this task order will include:

Task	Cost	Task Description
3.1 – User Based "Read-Only" Mode	\$6,000	Allow District staff to create new users that are "Read-Only". This will allow the users to log in and see more than the public site while not being able to edit any of the existing data. Currently will be limited to the main CUWCD database management system and tools created by Spheros. *The tools created by KT Groundwater, Aquifer Status Tool and Groundwater Model Management Tool, will need additional scoping to determine compatibility with "Read-Only" modes and are not included in this tasks budget.
3.2 – UI Refresh	\$500	A small task dedicated to a UI refresh of District supplied colors and logo.

1. The project schedule is as follows: We will begin this work immediately upon receiving permission to proceed and continue to the end of the District's Fiscal Year 2027.
2. The Compensation to be paid to the Consultant for the performance of the Services under this Task Order is a lump sum in the amounts indicated in the above table.
3. Deliverable to be provided under this Task Order include the Enhancements described above along with reasonable tweaks to the new features within 3 months of their deployment.

Schedule and Deliverables

Table 1. Proposed schedule.

Task	Anticipated Start	Anticipated Completion	Estimated Cost
2027.1 - Hosting	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$3,150
2027.2 - Sustainment	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$3,500
2027.3 - Enhancements	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	\$6,500
FY2027 Planning Estimate			\$13,150

Cost Estimate

The cost of the project as proposed is \$13,150. Spheros' standard terms and conditions are attached. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 904-599-1215 or Wallace.Darling@spherosenv.com. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Wallace Darling

Wallace Darling, P.G
Hydrogeologist

Approved:

Gretchen Miller

Gretchen Miller, PhD, P.E, P.G
US South-Central Manager

Attachment: Spheros Environmental's Standard Terms and Conditions

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index. Spheros Environmental will provide reasonable advance notice to Client prior to any potential rate increase. Invoices are submitted routinely, but no more than monthly, for time and expenses incurred or in the event of a fixed price contract as determined by the scope of work and applicable milestone for the percent of work completed. Terms of payment are net thirty (30) days. Overdue accounts are subject to an interest charge of one and a half percent (1.5%) per month and services may stop whenever payment is overdue more than sixty (60) days. Either Party may, at any time and from time to time during the term of this Agreement, request a change to the Services (each, a "Change"). Upon receipt of a request for any Change from Client, Spheros Environmental shall prepare and deliver to Client a proposal regarding the effect that such Change would have on (i) the cost of the Services, (ii) the timing for performance of the Services; and (iii) any other material aspect of this Agreement. Client and Spheros Environmental shall agree in writing on the terms applicable to any Change (each, a "Change Order"). Spheros Environmental may charge for the time it spends assessing and documenting a change request from Client on a time and materials basis. Spheros Environmental shall not implement any Change, and shall not be entitled to compensation for Services performed in respect of any Change, unless a Change Order in respect of such Change has been executed by both Parties. In the event that Spheros Environmental seeks any change to the Services such that the cost, scope, or schedule is impacted, Spheros Environmental shall within seven (7) days, notify Client in writing of the Change and promptly prepare and deliver to Client a proposal regarding the effect that such Change would have on (1) the cost of the Services, (2) the timing for performance of the Services and (3) any other material aspect of this Agreement. Notwithstanding this Section IV, Spheros Environmental may change the Services without the consent of Client provided that such changes do not materially affect the nature or scope of the Services, or the fees or any performance dates.

V. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS. All intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, patent disclosures and inventions (whether patentable or not), trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, know-how and other confidential information, trade dress, trade names, logos, corporate names, and domain names, together with all of the goodwill associated therewith, derivative works and all other rights (collectively, "Intellectual Property Rights") in and to all documents, work product, and other materials that are delivered to Client under this Agreement or prepared by or on behalf of Spheros Environmental in the course of performing the Services, including any items identified as such in the Order Confirmation (collectively, the "Deliverables") except for any Confidential Information (as defined in Section VI) of Client or Client materials shall be owned by Spheros Environmental. Spheros Environmental hereby grants Client a license to use all Intellectual Property Rights free of additional charge and on a non-exclusive, worldwide, non-transferable, non-sublicensable, fully paid-up, royalty-free, and perpetual basis to the extent necessary to enable Client to make reasonable use of the Deliverables and the Services. The Client shall not re-use or make any modification to Spheros Environmental's designs, documents or work product without the prior written authorization of Spheros Environmental, and any such

authorized use or modification shall be at the sole risk of Client with no liability to Spheros Environmental.

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY. From time to time during the term of this Agreement, either Party (as the "Disclosing Party") may disclose or make available to the other Party (as the "Receiving Party"), non-public, proprietary, and confidential information of Disclosing Party (whether or not marked, designated, or otherwise identified as "confidential") in connection with the Services ("Confidential Information"); provided, however, that Confidential Information does not include any information that: (a) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of Receiving Party's breach of this Section VI; (b) is or becomes available to the Receiving Party on a non-confidential basis from a third-party source, provided that such third party is not and was not prohibited from disclosing such Confidential Information; (c) was in Receiving Party's possession prior to Disclosing Party's disclosure hereunder; or (d) was or is independently developed by Receiving Party without using any Confidential Information. Spheros Environmental's Confidential Information shall include the Services performed hereunder and the nature or results of the work performed hereunder. The Receiving Party shall: (i) protect and safeguard the confidentiality of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information with at least the same degree of care as the Receiving Party would protect its own Confidential Information, but in no event with less than a commercially reasonable degree of care; (ii) not use the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information, or permit it to be accessed or used, for any purpose other than to exercise its rights or perform its obligations under this Agreement; and (iii) not disclose any such Confidential Information to any person or entity, except to the Receiving Party's Group who need to know the Confidential Information to assist the Receiving Party, or act on its behalf, to exercise its rights or perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Receiving Party shall be responsible for any breach of the confidentiality and non-use obligations contained herein by the Receiving Party's Group. If the Receiving Party is required by applicable law or legal process to disclose any Confidential Information, it shall, prior to making such disclosure, use commercially reasonable efforts to notify Disclosing Party of such requirements to afford Disclosing Party the opportunity to seek, at Disclosing Party's sole cost and expense, a protective order or other remedy. For purposes of this Section VI only, "Receiving Party's Group" shall mean the Receiving Party's affiliates and its or their employees, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents, independent contractors, service providers, sublicensees, subcontractors, attorneys, accountants, and financial advisors. The terms of this Section VI shall survive and remain in force after any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

VII. HEALTH AND SAFETY. Spheros Environmental has full responsibility for safety of its employees and agents, including providing appropriate safety equipment for its field personnel. In performance of the work, Spheros Environmental shall (a) comply with applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances regarding health and safety, and (b) prepare and comply with its own Health and Safety Plan, as well as any Health

and Safety Plan prepared by Client and delivered to Spheros Environmental prior to commencement of the Services for the site.

VIII. SITE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS. Client shall furnish or make available to Spheros Environmental such documents and information that relate to the identity, location, quantity, nature, or characteristics of any petroleum products, hazardous materials or asbestos at, on, or under the site. If, at any time, evidence of the existence or possible existence of such substances is discovered, Spheros Environmental reserves the right to stop work and renegotiate any consulting agreement and, the fees for our services and our continued involvement in the project. Spheros Environmental will promptly notify Client of any unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials it discovers. In the event that Spheros Environmental removes any pre-existing materials, Spheros Environmental may, but not shall be required to, assist the Client in characterization and handle the pre-existing materials in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances. Client shall be responsible for signing any manifest that may be required to ship pre-existing hazardous materials off site. At no time whatsoever shall Spheros Environmental be considered or assume the responsibilities of a generator of any pre-existing petroleum, chemical or hazardous material located on or about the site where the work is performed. The discovery of hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials may make it necessary for Spheros Environmental to take immediate measures to protect human health and safety and/or the environment. Client agrees to compensate Spheros Environmental for the cost of any and all measures that, in our professional onsite judgment are justified to preserve and protect the health and safety of our personnel, Client's employees and/or the public, and/or the environment. In addition, Client waives any claims against Spheros Environmental and, to the full extent permitted by law, agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Spheros Environmental harmless from any and all claims, damages and liability, including but not limited to cost of defense, in any way connected with petroleum products, hazardous materials or asbestos.

RCRA Compliance. Client shall be responsible for complying with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et. seq. ("RCRA") and its implementing regulations in connection with Spheros Environmental's work under this Agreement. Client may request Spheros Environmental's assistance in meeting its RCRA and other similar waste management obligations, including analytical testing to assist Client in proper characterization of waste, identifying potential transporters and disposal facilities for waste (provided that Client shall make the final selection of both the transporter and disposal facility), entering into subcontracts or purchase order arrangements with the transporters and/or disposal facilities selected by Client, and preparing manifests for the Client's approval and execution. Client agrees that, by virtue of providing these services, Spheros Environmental shall not be deemed a "generator" or a party who "arranges" for the "transportation," "treatment" or "disposal" of any "hazardous waste" or "hazardous substance" (as those terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act or "CERCLA", 42 U.S.C. Section 9601). Client agrees to

indemnify, defend and hold Spheros Environmental, its directors, officers, employees and agents, harmless from and against any and all damages, claims, demands, judgments, obligations, liabilities, any costs (including reasonable attorneys' and expert fees) relating to: (1) Spheros Environmental's work in assisting Client with its RCRA obligations; and (2) the generation, arrangement, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances or hazardous waste generated by the field activities conducted for Client.

IX. CLIENT OBLIGATIONS AND SITE ACCESS. Client shall at its cost and at such times as may be required by Spheros Environmental for the successful and timely completion of Services: (a) provide unimpeded and timely access to any site, including third party sites if required (b) provide an adequate area for Spheros Environmental's site office facilities, equipment storage, and employee parking; (c) furnish all construction utilities and utilities releases necessary for the Services; (d) provide the locations of all subsurface structures, including piping, tanks, cables, and utilities; (e) approve all locations for digging and drilling operations; (f) obtain all permits and licenses which are necessary and required to be taken out in Spheros Environmental's name for the Services; (g) cooperate with Spheros Environmental in all matters relating to Services; and (h) respond and provide promptly to any Spheros Environmental requests for information, material, authorizations, approvals, or other items reasonably necessary to provide or complete Services. Spheros Environmental will not be liable for damage or injury arising from damage to subsurface structures that are not disclosed in writing to Spheros Environmental in connection with its work.

Reporting Requirements. Client may be required under federal, state or local statutes or regulations to report the results of Spheros Environmental's services to appropriate regulatory agencies. Spheros Environmental is not responsible for advising Client about its reporting obligations and Client agrees that it shall be responsible for all reporting, unless Spheros Environmental has an independent duty to report under applicable law. In those situations, Spheros Environmental will provide Client with advance notice that Spheros Environmental believes that it has an obligation to report as well as the substance of the report it intends to make.

X. COST ESTIMATES. If included in the Services, Spheros Environmental will provide cost estimates based upon Spheros Environmental's experience on similar projects, which are not intended for use by Client or any other party in developing firm budgets or financial models, or in making investment decisions. Such cost estimates represent only Spheros Environmental's judgment as a professional and, if furnished, only for Client's general guidance and are not guaranteed as to accuracy.

XI. LIMITED WARRANTY AND REMEDIES. Spheros Environmental represents and warrants to Client that it shall perform the Services with the standard of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by firms providing similar services and in accordance with generally recognized industry standards. Spheros Environmental shall furnish all tools, labor, and supplies in such quantities and of the proper quality to professionally and timely

perform the Services. Spheros Environmental shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty set forth in this Section XI unless Client gives written notice of the defective Services, reasonably described, to Spheros Environmental within thirty (30) days of the time when Client discovers or ought to have discovered that the Services were defective. Subject to the foregoing, Spheros Environmental shall, in its sole discretion, either (a) repair or re-perform such Services; or (b) credit or refund the price of such Services at the pro rata contract rate. THE REMEDIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION XI SHALL BE CLIENT'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AND SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL'S ENTIRE LIABILITY FOR ANY BREACH OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY SET FORTH HEREIN.

XII. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES. EXCEPT FOR THE WARRANTY SET FORTH IN SECTION XII ABOVE, SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL MAKES NO WARRANTY WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES, INCLUDING ANY (a) WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY; (b) WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE; (c) WARRANTY OF TITLE; OR (d) WARRANTY AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF A THIRD PARTY; WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BY LAW, COURSE OF DEALING, COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, USAGE OF TRADE, OR OTHERWISE.

XIII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. Spheros Environmental is an independent contractor, and is responsible for the means and methods of carrying out the scope of services and for the safety of its employees and agents. Spheros Environmental retains the right to require that the services provided by Spheros Environmental meet specific standards without regard to the manner and means of accomplishment thereof. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any agency, partnership, joint venture or other form of joint enterprise, employment, or fiduciary relationship between the Parties, and neither Party shall have authority to contract for or bind the other Party in any manner whatsoever.

XIV. INDEMNIFICATION. Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Spheros Environmental and their respective officers, directors and employees against damages, liabilities or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, arising out of or resulting from (a) bodily injury, death of any person, or damage to real or tangible, personal property resulting from negligent or willful acts or omissions of Client and (b) Client's breach of any representation, warranty, or obligation of Client in this Agreement. This Section XIV shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

XV. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY LOSS OF USE, REVENUE OR PROFIT OR LOSS OF DATA OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE, OR FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES WHETHER ARISING OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), OR OTHERWISE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES WERE FORESEEABLE AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF ANY AGREED OR OTHER REMEDY OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE. IN NO

EVENT SHALL SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHERWISE, EXCEED THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTS PAID OR PAYABLE TO SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE ORDER CONFIRMATION.

XVI. INSURANCE. Spheros Environmental shall procure and maintain the following insurance throughout the term of this Agreement: (a) Commercial General Liability; (b) Automobile Liability; (c) Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability; and (d) Professional Liability.

XVII. FORCE MAJEURE. Neither Party shall be liable nor deemed to be in default for any delay or failure in performance under this Agreement resulting from the acts of God, civil or military authority, material change of law, acts of public enemy, war, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, failure of transportation, regional emergencies, strikes or other industrial interruptions by either Party's employees, or any similar or dissimilar cause beyond the reasonable control of either Party. The impacted Party shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably practicable after the removal of the cause. In the event that the impacted Party's failure or delay remains uncured for a period of fifteen (15) consecutive days following written, either Party may thereafter terminate this Agreement upon twenty (20) days' written notice.

XVIII. NOTICE. Any notice to be given hereunder by either Party to the other, shall be in writing and addressed to the Parties at the addresses set forth in the Order Confirmation or to such other address that may be designated by the receiving Party in writing. All notices shall be deemed given when delivered (a) in person, (b) by certified mail, return receipt requested, (c) by commercial courier that provides a receipt of delivery, or (d) by email when the receiving Party acknowledges receipt.

XIX. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE. Either Party may terminate all or part of this Agreement for its convenience and without cause upon giving the other Party not less than thirty (30) days written notice. In such event, Spheros Environmental shall be compensated for the Services competently performed up to and including the date of termination.

XX. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT. Either Party may terminate this Agreement for cause upon giving the other Party not less than ten (10) days written notice for any of the following reasons: (a) substantial failure by the other Party to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and through no fault of the terminating Party, including lack of payment by Client; (b) assignment of this Agreement or transfer of the project by either Party to any other entity without prior written consent of the other Party; (c) suspension of the project or of the Services for more than ninety (90) days, consecutive or in the aggregate; (d) material changes in the conditions under which this Agreement was entered into, the Services or the nature of the project, and the failure of the Parties to reach agreement on the compensation; or (e) Client becomes insolvent or files a petition for bankruptcy. Either Party shall have a period of ten (10) business days from the notice of

noncompliance and threatened termination to cure or correct the default. If this Agreement is terminated following default by Spheros Environmental, Client is relieved of any unpaid payment obligations owed Spheros Environmental for services performed after the default. If this Agreement is terminated following default by Client, Client shall be liable to Spheros Environmental for all unpaid compensation for Services, as well as any collection fees associated with the collection of said compensation including but not limited to, attorneys' fees, court costs, and other related expenses up to and including the termination date.

XXI. ASSIGNMENT. Client shall not assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of Spheros Environmental. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of this Section XXI is null and void. No assignment or delegation relieves Client of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

XXII. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION. The Parties hereby incorporate the requirements of 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(a) and 29 C.F.R. § 471, Appendix A to Subpart A, if applicable. Spheros Environmental and Client shall also abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), if applicable. These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities and require affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities.

XXIII. ENFORCEMENT AND WAIVER. The failure of either Party in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to assert any such terms and provisions on any future occasion or of damages caused thereby.

XXIV. CHOICE OF LAW; JURISDICTION. This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of Colorado without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision. Subject to Section XXVIII, any legal suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America or the courts of the State of Colorado, and each Party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action, or proceeding.

XXV. SEVERABILITY. If any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not invalidate or render unenforceable the entire Agreement, but rather the entire Agreement shall be construed as if not containing the particular invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, and the rights and obligations of the Party shall be construed and enforced accordingly, to effectuate the essential intent and purposes of this Agreement.

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warranties as to a minimum or maximum procurement of services hereunder.

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XXVIII. DISPUTES. In an effort to resolve any conflicts that may arise, Client and Spheros Environmental agree to resolve any claims or disputes related to this Agreement, in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner so as to avoid unnecessary disruptions and delays to the Services. For any claim or dispute the Parties shall first attempt to resolve such claim or dispute through discussions between Client's and Spheros Environmental's designated representatives. If any such claim or dispute is not resolved through such discussions, the responsible executive of each Party, who shall possess the authority to resolve such matter, shall attempt to resolve such claim or dispute. Either Party may initiate discussions by written notice to the other Party setting forth the subject of the claim or dispute and the resolution sought. The Party in receipt of such notice shall respond within five (5) business days with a written statement of its position on, and recommended solution to, the claim or dispute. If the claim or dispute is not resolved by this exchange of correspondence, then the responsible senior executives of each Party shall meet at a mutually agreeable time and place within ten (10) business days from the Party's response in an attempt to resolve the claim or dispute. Any claims or disputes between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, which have not been resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section XXVIII shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation unless the Parties mutually agree otherwise. Each Party shall pay for its own costs and one-half the cost of a mutually acceptable mediator. In the event mediation is not successful, the claims or disputes between the Parties shall subject to litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Colorado. The Parties irrevocably consent to the personal jurisdiction of said courts and waive any and all defenses of forum non conveniens, improper venue, or lack of personal jurisdiction.

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Proposal #P26-01082-00

July 6, 2026

Whitney Ingram
Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX 76513

via wingram@cuwcd.org

Re: Proposal to Provide Hydrogeologic Services to Evaluate Water Quality in the Northern Segment of the Edwards Balcones Fault Zone Aquifer in Bell County, Texas

Dear Ms. Ingram,

At the request of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District ("CUWCD", "District", or "Client"), Spheros Environmental ("Spheros") provides herein our proposed Scope of Services and associated costs to provide licensed professional hydrogeologic services to evaluate water quality in the Northern Segment of the Edwards Balcones Fault Zone Aquifer ("Edwards Aquifer") in Bell County, Texas. Spheros understands that several Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permits are under review or have been approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The wastewater facilities will be located along Salado Creek from its headwaters to the Village of Salado. The Client is concerned that the effluent discharge to Salado Creek may detrimentally impact water quality in the creek and surrounding Edwards Aquifer.

Spheros' proposed services are focused on achieving the main project objective of equipping CUWCD with knowledge to monitor and detect water quality variation in anticipation of future wastewater effluent discharges through:

- Compiling and synthesizing the best available science on water quality in Salado Creek and the Northern Segment of the Edwards Aquifer in Bell County;
- Evaluating the potential for groundwater impacts to wells completed in the Edwards Aquifer from proposed and pending wastewater effluent discharge locations; and
- Developing a water quality sampling program tailored to monitor water quality parameters at key locations.

Scope of Services

Task 1 – Review of Existing Water Quality Data and Literature

Spheros' history of collaboration with CUWCD to build a custom data dashboard uniquely positions us for success on this task. Using the CUWCD database as a starting point, water quality data compilation and analysis will be expanded to include all available data on the Northern Segment of the Edwards BFZ Aquifer in the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) database. This task will also include a literature review to summarize previous studies and datasets on the water quality of the Edwards Aquifer with a focus on Bell County, and data synthesis using tables, plots, maps and other visualizations as appropriate.

Task 2 – Well Vulnerability Evaluation

While potential wastewater outfalls will discharge effluent into Salado Creek, the creek basin lies within the Edwards Aquifer where karst features and fractures can swiftly transport surface water to the aquifer. Under this task, available hydrogeological data, wells completed into the Edwards Aquifer, and wastewater outfall locations will be evaluated to determine if there is potential for effluent to intersect with registered wells within the District.

Task 3 – Monitoring Program Development

To determine if water quality to Salado Creek and the Edwards Aquifer are impacted by wastewater effluent discharge to Salado Creek, it is important to establish baseline conditions by documenting current water quality before discharges begin. Under this task, Spheros will develop recommendations for a monitoring program that includes water quality parameters (including nutrient parameters), schedule, budget estimate for analysis, and key sampling locations based on the results from Task 2.

If requested by the District, Spheros can provide coordination, support, and data review services for the monitoring effort under a separate scope of work.

Task 4 – Reporting and Deliverables

The goal of this task is to communicate the findings of this proposed scope of work and equip the Client with knowledge to manage groundwater in the Edwards Aquifer in light of pending wastewater effluent discharge to Salado Creek. Deliverables will include a brief report and data visualizations that incorporate feedback from the District, and a final presentation to the District Board.

Task 5 – Project Management

Spheros will provide project management services including coordination with the Client, scheduling, communication, and oversight of project execution to support timely and efficient completion of the work.

Schedule

Spheros anticipates for this scope of work to be completed within Fiscal Year 2027 and can initiate the proposed services upon receipt of the authorization to proceed. Spheros anticipates submitting a complete draft of the project report for Client review and commentary at the end of May 2027. The final project presentation to the District Board will be scheduled in coordination with CUWCD.

Cost Estimate

The cost of the Tasks as proposed is \$23,500 on a lump sum basis. The project budget reflects the level of effort required to evaluate baseline water quality in the Edwards Aquifer to support groundwater management in Bell County. Spheros' standard terms and conditions are attached. The table below is a summary of the costs associated with each of the project-related tasks described in this proposal:

	Item Description	Fee Type	Fee
Task 1	Existing Data and Literature Review	Lump Sum	\$4,950
Task 2	Well Vulnerability Evaluation	Lump Sum	\$6,065
Task 3	Monitoring Program Development and Support	Lump Sum	\$4,000
Task 4	Reporting and Deliverables	Lump Sum	\$6,320
Task 5	Project Management	Lump Sum	\$2,165
	Total		\$23,500

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (512) 300-0435 or Stephanie.Wong@spherosenv.com regarding the provided information. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this important project.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Wong, PhD, PG
Project Hydrogeologist

Approved:



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V. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS. All intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, patent disclosures and inventions (whether patentable or not), trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, know-how and other confidential information, trade dress, trade names, logos, corporate names, and domain names, together with all of the goodwill associated therewith, derivative works and all other rights (collectively, "Intellectual Property Rights") in and to all documents, work product, and other materials that are delivered to Client under this Agreement or prepared by or on behalf of Spheros Environmental in the course of performing the Services, including any items identified as such in the Order Confirmation (collectively, the "Deliverables") except for any Confidential Information (as defined in Section VI) of Client or Client materials shall be owned by Spheros Environmental. Spheros Environmental hereby grants Client a license to use all Intellectual Property Rights free of additional charge and on a non-exclusive, worldwide, non-transferable, non-sublicensable, fully paid-up, royalty-free, and perpetual basis to the extent necessary to enable Client to make reasonable use of the Deliverables and the Services. The Client shall not re-use or make any modification to Spheros Environmental's designs, documents or work product without the prior written authorization of Spheros Environmental, and any such

authorized use or modification shall be at the sole risk of Client with no liability to Spheros Environmental.

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY. From time to time during the term of this Agreement, either Party (as the "Disclosing Party") may disclose or make available to the other Party (as the "Receiving Party"), non-public, proprietary, and confidential information of Disclosing Party (whether or not marked, designated, or otherwise identified as "confidential") in connection with the Services ("Confidential Information"); provided, however, that Confidential Information does not include any information that: (a) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of Receiving Party's breach of this Section VI; (b) is or becomes available to the Receiving Party on a non-confidential basis from a third-party source, provided that such third party is not and was not prohibited from disclosing such Confidential Information; (c) was in Receiving Party's possession prior to Disclosing Party's disclosure hereunder; or (d) was or is independently developed by Receiving Party without using any Confidential Information. Spheros Environmental's Confidential Information shall include the Services performed hereunder and the nature or results of the work performed hereunder. The Receiving Party shall: (i) protect and safeguard the confidentiality of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information with at least the same degree of care as the Receiving Party would protect its own Confidential Information, but in no event with less than a commercially reasonable degree of care; (ii) not use the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information, or permit it to be accessed or used, for any purpose other than to exercise its rights or perform its obligations under this Agreement; and (iii) not disclose any such Confidential Information to any person or entity, except to the Receiving Party's Group who need to know the Confidential Information to assist the Receiving Party, or act on its behalf, to exercise its rights or perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Receiving Party shall be responsible for any breach of the confidentiality and non-use obligations contained herein by the Receiving Party's Group. If the Receiving Party is required by applicable law or legal process to disclose any Confidential Information, it shall, prior to making such disclosure, use commercially reasonable efforts to notify Disclosing Party of such requirements to afford Disclosing Party the opportunity to seek, at Disclosing Party's sole cost and expense, a protective order or other remedy. For purposes of this Section VI only, "Receiving Party's Group" shall mean the Receiving Party's affiliates and its or their employees, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents, independent contractors, service providers, sublicensees, subcontractors, attorneys, accountants, and financial advisors. The terms of this Section VI shall survive and remain in force after any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

VII. HEALTH AND SAFETY. Spheros Environmental has full responsibility for safety of its employees and agents, including providing appropriate safety equipment for its field personnel. In performance of the work, Spheros Environmental shall (a) comply with applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances regarding health and safety, and (b) prepare and comply with its own Health and Safety Plan, as well as any Health

and Safety Plan prepared by Client and delivered to Spheros Environmental prior to commencement of the Services for the site.

VIII. SITE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS. Client shall furnish or make available to Spheros Environmental such documents and information that relate to the identity, location, quantity, nature, or characteristics of any petroleum products, hazardous materials or asbestos at, on, or under the site. If, at any time, evidence of the existence or possible existence of such substances is discovered, Spheros Environmental reserves the right to stop work and renegotiate any consulting agreement and, the fees for our services and our continued involvement in the project. Spheros Environmental will promptly notify Client of any unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials it discovers. In the event that Spheros Environmental removes any pre-existing materials, Spheros Environmental may, but not shall be required to, assist the Client in characterization and handle the pre-existing materials in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances. Client shall be responsible for signing any manifest that may be required to ship pre-existing hazardous materials off site. At no time whatsoever shall Spheros Environmental be considered or assume the responsibilities of a generator of any pre-existing petroleum, chemical or hazardous material located on or about the site where the work is performed. The discovery of hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials may make it necessary for Spheros Environmental to take immediate measures to protect human health and safety and/or the environment. Client agrees to compensate Spheros Environmental for the cost of any and all measures that, in our professional onsite judgment are justified to preserve and protect the health and safety of our personnel, Client's employees and/or the public, and/or the environment. In addition, Client waives any claims against Spheros Environmental and, to the full extent permitted by law, agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Spheros Environmental harmless from any and all claims, damages and liability, including but not limited to cost of defense, in any way connected with petroleum products, hazardous materials or asbestos.

RCRA Compliance. Client shall be responsible for complying with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et. seq. ("RCRA") and its implementing regulations in connection with Spheros Environmental's work under this Agreement. Client may request Spheros Environmental's assistance in meeting its RCRA and other similar waste management obligations, including analytical testing to assist Client in proper characterization of waste, identifying potential transporters and disposal facilities for waste (provided that Client shall make the final selection of both the transporter and disposal facility), entering into subcontracts or purchase order arrangements with the transporters and/or disposal facilities selected by Client, and preparing manifests for the Client's approval and execution. Client agrees that, by virtue of providing these services, Spheros Environmental shall not be deemed a "generator" or a party who "arranges" for the "transportation," "treatment" or "disposal" of any "hazardous waste" or "hazardous substance" (as those terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act or "CERCLA", 42 U.S.C. Section 9601). Client agrees to

indemnify, defend and hold Spheros Environmental, its directors, officers, employees and agents, harmless from and against any and all damages, claims, demands, judgments, obligations, liabilities, any costs (including reasonable attorneys' and expert fees) relating to: (1) Spheros Environmental's work in assisting Client with its RCRA obligations; and (2) the generation, arrangement, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances or hazardous waste generated by the field activities conducted for Client.

IX. CLIENT OBLIGATIONS AND SITE ACCESS. Client shall at its cost and at such times as may be required by Spheros Environmental for the successful and timely completion of Services: (a) provide unimpeded and timely access to any site, including third party sites if required (b) provide an adequate area for Spheros Environmental's site office facilities, equipment storage, and employee parking; (c) furnish all construction utilities and utilities releases necessary for the Services; (d) provide the locations of all subsurface structures, including piping, tanks, cables, and utilities; (e) approve all locations for digging and drilling operations; (f) obtain all permits and licenses which are necessary and required to be taken out in Spheros Environmental's name for the Services; (g) cooperate with Spheros Environmental in all matters relating to Services; and (h) respond and provide promptly to any Spheros Environmental requests for information, material, authorizations, approvals, or other items reasonably necessary to provide or complete Services. Spheros Environmental will not be liable for damage or injury arising from damage to subsurface structures that are not disclosed in writing to Spheros Environmental in connection with its work.

Reporting Requirements. Client may be required under federal, state or local statutes or regulations to report the results of Spheros Environmental's services to appropriate regulatory agencies. Spheros Environmental is not responsible for advising Client about its reporting obligations and Client agrees that it shall be responsible for all reporting, unless Spheros Environmental has an independent duty to report under applicable law. In those situations, Spheros Environmental will provide Client with advance notice that Spheros Environmental believes that it has an obligation to report as well as the substance of the report it intends to make.

X. COST ESTIMATES. If included in the Services, Spheros Environmental will provide cost estimates based upon Spheros Environmental's experience on similar projects, which are not intended for use by Client or any other party in developing firm budgets or financial models, or in making investment decisions. Such cost estimates represent only Spheros Environmental's judgment as a professional and, if furnished, only for Client's general guidance and are not guaranteed as to accuracy.

XI. LIMITED WARRANTY AND REMEDIES. Spheros Environmental represents and warrants to Client that it shall perform the Services with the standard of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by firms providing similar services and in accordance with generally recognized industry standards. Spheros Environmental shall furnish all tools, labor, and supplies in such quantities and of the proper quality to professionally and timely

perform the Services. Spheros Environmental shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty set forth in this Section XI unless Client gives written notice of the defective Services, reasonably described, to Spheros Environmental within thirty (30) days of the time when Client discovers or ought to have discovered that the Services were defective. Subject to the foregoing, Spheros Environmental shall, in its sole discretion, either (a) repair or re-perform such Services; or (b) credit or refund the price of such Services at the pro rata contract rate. THE REMEDIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION XI SHALL BE CLIENT'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AND SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL'S ENTIRE LIABILITY FOR ANY BREACH OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY SET FORTH HEREIN.

XII. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES. EXCEPT FOR THE WARRANTY SET FORTH IN SECTION XII ABOVE, SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL MAKES NO WARRANTY WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES, INCLUDING ANY (a) WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY; (b) WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE; (c) WARRANTY OF TITLE; OR (d) WARRANTY AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF A THIRD PARTY; WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BY LAW, COURSE OF DEALING, COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, USAGE OF TRADE, OR OTHERWISE.

XIII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. Spheros Environmental is an independent contractor, and is responsible for the means and methods of carrying out the scope of services and for the safety of its employees and agents. Spheros Environmental retains the right to require that the services provided by Spheros Environmental meet specific standards without regard to the manner and means of accomplishment thereof. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any agency, partnership, joint venture or other form of joint enterprise, employment, or fiduciary relationship between the Parties, and neither Party shall have authority to contract for or bind the other Party in any manner whatsoever.

XIV. INDEMNIFICATION. Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Spheros Environmental and their respective officers, directors and employees against damages, liabilities or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, arising out of or resulting from (a) bodily injury, death of any person, or damage to real or tangible, personal property resulting from negligent or willful acts or omissions of Client and (b) Client's breach of any representation, warranty, or obligation of Client in this Agreement. This Section XIV shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

XV. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY LOSS OF USE, REVENUE OR PROFIT OR LOSS OF DATA OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE, OR FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES WHETHER ARISING OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), OR OTHERWISE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES WERE FORESEEABLE AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF ANY AGREED OR OTHER REMEDY OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE. IN NO

EVENT SHALL SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHERWISE, EXCEED THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTS PAID OR PAYABLE TO SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE ORDER CONFIRMATION.

XVI. INSURANCE. Spheros Environmental shall procure and maintain the following insurance throughout the term of this Agreement: (a) Commercial General Liability; (b) Automobile Liability; (c) Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability; and (d) Professional Liability.

XVII. FORCE MAJEURE. Neither Party shall be liable nor deemed to be in default for any delay or failure in performance under this Agreement resulting from the acts of God, civil or military authority, material change of law, acts of public enemy, war, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, failure of transportation, regional emergencies, strikes or other industrial interruptions by either Party's employees, or any similar or dissimilar cause beyond the reasonable control of either Party. The impacted Party shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably practicable after the removal of the cause. In the event that the impacted Party's failure or delay remains uncured for a period of fifteen (15) consecutive days following written, either Party may thereafter terminate this Agreement upon twenty (20) days' written notice.

XVIII. NOTICE. Any notice to be given hereunder by either Party to the other, shall be in writing and addressed to the Parties at the addresses set forth in the Order Confirmation or to such other address that may be designated by the receiving Party in writing. All notices shall be deemed given when delivered (a) in person, (b) by certified mail, return receipt requested, (c) by commercial courier that provides a receipt of delivery, or (d) by email when the receiving Party acknowledges receipt.

XIX. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE. Either Party may terminate all or part of this Agreement for its convenience and without cause upon giving the other Party not less than thirty (30) days written notice. In such event, Spheros Environmental shall be compensated for the Services competently performed up to and including the date of termination.

XX. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT. Either Party may terminate this Agreement for cause upon giving the other Party not less than ten (10) days written notice for any of the following reasons: (a) substantial failure by the other Party to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and through no fault of the terminating Party, including lack of payment by Client; (b) assignment of this Agreement or transfer of the project by either Party to any other entity without prior written consent of the other Party; (c) suspension of the project or of the Services for more than ninety (90) days, consecutive or in the aggregate; (d) material changes in the conditions under which this Agreement was entered into, the Services or the nature of the project, and the failure of the Parties to reach agreement on the compensation; or (e) Client becomes insolvent or files a petition for bankruptcy. Either Party shall have a period of ten (10) business days from the notice of

noncompliance and threatened termination to cure or correct the default. If this Agreement is terminated following default by Spheros Environmental, Client is relieved of any unpaid payment obligations owed Spheros Environmental for services performed after the default. If this Agreement is terminated following default by Client, Client shall be liable to Spheros Environmental for all unpaid compensation for Services, as well as any collection fees associated with the collection of said compensation including but not limited to, attorneys' fees, court costs, and other related expenses up to and including the termination date.

XXI. ASSIGNMENT. Client shall not assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of Spheros Environmental. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of this Section XXI is null and void. No assignment or delegation relieves Client of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

XXII. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION. The Parties hereby incorporate the requirements of 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(a) and 29 C.F.R. § 471, Appendix A to Subpart A, if applicable. Spheros Environmental and Client shall also abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), if applicable. These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities and require affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities.

XXIII. ENFORCEMENT AND WAIVER. The failure of either Party in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to assert any such terms and provisions on any future occasion or of damages caused thereby.

XXIV. CHOICE OF LAW; JURISDICTION. This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of Colorado without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision. Subject to Section XXVIII, any legal suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America or the courts of the State of Colorado, and each Party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action, or proceeding.

XXV. SEVERABILITY. If any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not invalidate or render unenforceable the entire Agreement, but rather the entire Agreement shall be construed as if not containing the particular invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, and the rights and obligations of the Party shall be construed and enforced accordingly, to effectuate the essential intent and purposes of this Agreement.

XXVI. NONEXCLUSIVE NATURE. This Agreement is not exclusive. Spheros Environmental is free to provide similar services or deliverables to others. Client makes no representations or

warranties as to a minimum or maximum procurement of services hereunder.

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XXVIII. DISPUTES. In an effort to resolve any conflicts that may arise, Client and Spheros Environmental agree to resolve any claims or disputes related to this Agreement, in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner so as to avoid unnecessary disruptions and delays to the Services. For any claim or dispute the Parties shall first attempt to resolve such claim or dispute through discussions between Client's and Spheros Environmental's designated representatives. If any such claim or dispute is not resolved through such discussions, the responsible executive of each Party, who shall possess the authority to resolve such matter, shall attempt to resolve such claim or dispute. Either Party may initiate discussions by written notice to the other Party setting forth the subject of the claim or dispute and the resolution sought. The Party in receipt of such notice shall respond within five (5) business days with a written statement of its position on, and recommended solution to, the claim or dispute. If the claim or dispute is not resolved by this exchange of correspondence, then the responsible senior executives of each Party shall meet at a mutually agreeable time and place within ten (10) business days from the Party's response in an attempt to resolve the claim or dispute. Any claims or disputes between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, which have not been resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section XXVIII shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation unless the Parties mutually agree otherwise. Each Party shall pay for its own costs and one-half the cost of a mutually acceptable mediator. In the event mediation is not successful, the claims or disputes between the Parties shall subject to litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Colorado. The Parties irrevocably consent to the personal jurisdiction of said courts and waive any and all defenses of forum non conveniens, improper venue, or lack of personal jurisdiction.

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Proposal #P26-01079-00

July 6, 2026

Whitney Ingram
Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
700 Kennedy Court
Belton, TX 76513

via wingram@cuwcd.org

Re: Proposal to Provide Services to Evaluate District Water Quality Laboratory Procedures and Data

Dear Ms. Ingram,

At the request of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District ("CUWCD", "District", or "Client"), Spheros Environmental ("Spheros") provides herein our proposed Scope of Services and associated cost to perform a review of its existing water quality laboratory capabilities and provide recommendations for continuous improvement of laboratory methodology and reporting. The District maintains a laboratory on-site at its office which allows for preliminary screening of water quality samples collected from its constituents' wells. The test methodology makes extensive use of field-style test kits and sensors, and well-owners whose samples test positive for chemicals of concern are urged to get further testing from a TCEQ-approved drinking water laboratory. Spheros' proposed services are focused on achieving the objective of equipping CUWCD with the most reliable yet economically viable methods to screen water quality samples.

Scope of Services

Task 1 – Assessment of Current Test Methods and Facilities

Spheros personnel will visit the District's laboratory to observe its test kits and instrumentation, testing methods and protocols, record keeping, and reporting to clients. Based on these observations, Spheros will evaluate the current methodology to determine its accuracy, ease of use, cost effectiveness, and replicability. We will assess current offerings from companies such as Hach, Fisher Scientific, La Motte, etc., to determine if switching any would be appropriate. Where available, Spheros will compare test records from wells/samples that have been analyzed both in-house and at commercial and/or university laboratories, comparing their accuracy and precision. We will then provide recommendations for updates to kits or equipment, as well as recommendations for improving laboratory practices, if needed. Finally, we will review how the District presents data to well owners to ensure it is clear and scientifically accurate.

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Task 2 – Review and Selection of Phosphorus Methodology

Total phosphorus and phosphate are not typically considered groundwater pollutants, and TCEQ does not require testing for them as part of its drinking water suite for wells. However, they are frequently found in wastewater discharges, and the high connectivity between the Edwards Aquifer and surrounding surface water systems makes it possible that shallow groundwater and springs could have issues with them. Thus, the development of an in-house phosphorus testing methodology could benefit the District's groundwater science and protection goals.

In this task, we will evaluate current test kits and equipment that could be used to determine total phosphorous and phosphate concentrations in water samples. We will consider their ease-of-use, detection limits, accuracy, and cost. Based on these factors, we will make a recommendation as to whether such a test should be added and which method should be selected.

Task 3 – Project Management and Deliverables

Spheros will provide project management services including coordination with the Client, scheduling, communication, and oversight of project execution to support timely and efficient completion of the work. Deliverables for the project will be as follows:

1. A memo report summarizing findings and recommendations;
2. Quotes/budget estimates for recommended kits and equipment; and
3. Final presentation to the District Board.

Draft versions of the report and presentation will be provided to the General Manager for review by District staff prior to finalization.

Project Schedule

Spheros anticipates this scope of work to be completed within Fiscal Year 2027 and can initiate the proposed services upon receipt of the authorization to proceed. Spheros anticipates submitting a complete draft of the project report for Client review and comment at the end of November 2026. The final project presentation to the District Board will be scheduled in coordination with CUWCD.

Project Cost

The cost of the Tasks as proposed is \$15,000 on a lump sum basis. The project budget reflects the level of effort required to evaluate the District's laboratory services to support groundwater management in Bell County. The table below is a summary of the costs associated with each of the project-related tasks described in this proposal:

	Item Description	Fee Type	Fee
Task 1	Assessment of Current Test Methods and Facilities	Lump Sum	\$7,500
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Task 3	Reporting and Project Management	Lump Sum	\$5,500
	Total		\$15,000

Spheros' standard terms and conditions governing this agreement are attached.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (512) 300-0435 or Gretchen.Miller@spherosenv.com regarding the provided information. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this important project.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Miller, PhD, PE, PG
US South-Central Manager

Attachment: Spheros Environmental's Standard Terms and Conditions

I. APPLICABILITY. These terms and conditions for services (these "Terms") are the only terms that govern the provision of services by Spheros Environmental Group Parent, Inc. ("Spheros Environmental") to name of the customer ("Client" and together with Spheros Environmental, the "Parties" and each, a "Party") set forth on the accompanying order confirmation, letter, statement of work, or purchase order (the "Order Confirmation"). The Order Confirmation and these Terms (collectively, this "Agreement") comprise the entire agreement between the Parties, and supersede all prior or contemporaneous understandings, agreements, negotiations, representations and warranties, and communications, both written and oral. In the event of any conflict between these Terms and the Order Confirmation, these Terms shall govern, unless the Order Confirmation expressly states that the terms and conditions of the Order Confirmation shall control. These Terms prevail over any of Client's general terms and conditions regardless of whether or when Client has submitted its request for proposal, order, or such terms. Provision of services to Client does not constitute acceptance of any of Client's terms and conditions and does not serve to modify or amend these Terms. This Agreement may not be modified except by an amendment in writing, signed by both Parties.

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IV. COMPENSATION. For the performance of the Services, Client agrees to pay, and Spheros Environmental agrees to accept, compensation set forth in the Order Confirmation. Spheros Environmental will be compensated in US dollars for its Services on a time-and-materials or fixed-price basis. Spheros Environmental's estimate of the cost for its Services is based on the information provided by Client, and rates, reimbursable expenses, and management fees made a part of the Agreement. Client shall be responsible for all sales, use, and excises taxes, and any other similar taxes, duties, and charges of any kind imposed by any federal, state, or local governmental entity. Client agrees to reimburse Spheros Environmental for all reasonable travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Spheros Environmental in connection with the performance of the Services. In the event that the Services occur over more than one (1) calendar year or the Services start date is delayed more than ninety (90) days due to factors outside of Spheros Environmental's sole control, Spheros Environmental may, without the approval of Client, increase its rates by the greater of: (a) five percent (5%) or (b) the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price

index. Spheros Environmental will provide reasonable advance notice to Client prior to any potential rate increase. Invoices are submitted routinely, but no more than monthly, for time and expenses incurred or in the event of a fixed price contract as determined by the scope of work and applicable milestone for the percent of work completed. Terms of payment are net thirty (30) days. Overdue accounts are subject to an interest charge of one and a half percent (1.5%) per month and services may stop whenever payment is overdue more than sixty (60) days. Either Party may, at any time and from time to time during the term of this Agreement, request a change to the Services (each, a "Change"). Upon receipt of a request for any Change from Client, Spheros Environmental shall prepare and deliver to Client a proposal regarding the effect that such Change would have on (i) the cost of the Services, (ii) the timing for performance of the Services; and (iii) any other material aspect of this Agreement. Client and Spheros Environmental shall agree in writing on the terms applicable to any Change (each, a "Change Order"). Spheros Environmental may charge for the time it spends assessing and documenting a change request from Client on a time and materials basis. Spheros Environmental shall not implement any Change, and shall not be entitled to compensation for Services performed in respect of any Change, unless a Change Order in respect of such Change has been executed by both Parties. In the event that Spheros Environmental seeks any change to the Services such that the cost, scope, or schedule is impacted, Spheros Environmental shall within seven (7) days, notify Client in writing of the Change and promptly prepare and deliver to Client a proposal regarding the effect that such Change would have on (1) the cost of the Services, (2) the timing for performance of the Services and (3) any other material aspect of this Agreement. Notwithstanding this Section IV, Spheros Environmental may change the Services without the consent of Client provided that such changes do not materially affect the nature or scope of the Services, or the fees or any performance dates.

V. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS. All intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, patent disclosures and inventions (whether patentable or not), trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, know-how and other confidential information, trade dress, trade names, logos, corporate names, and domain names, together with all of the goodwill associated therewith, derivative works and all other rights (collectively, "Intellectual Property Rights") in and to all documents, work product, and other materials that are delivered to Client under this Agreement or prepared by or on behalf of Spheros Environmental in the course of performing the Services, including any items identified as such in the Order Confirmation (collectively, the "Deliverables") except for any Confidential Information (as defined in Section VI) of Client or Client materials shall be owned by Spheros Environmental. Spheros Environmental hereby grants Client a license to use all Intellectual Property Rights free of additional charge and on a non-exclusive, worldwide, non-transferable, non-sublicensable, fully paid-up, royalty-free, and perpetual basis to the extent necessary to enable Client to make reasonable use of the Deliverables and the Services. The Client shall not re-use or make any modification to Spheros Environmental's designs, documents or work product without the prior written authorization of Spheros Environmental, and any such

authorized use or modification shall be at the sole risk of Client with no liability to Spheros Environmental.

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY. From time to time during the term of this Agreement, either Party (as the "Disclosing Party") may disclose or make available to the other Party (as the "Receiving Party"), non-public, proprietary, and confidential information of Disclosing Party (whether or not marked, designated, or otherwise identified as "confidential") in connection with the Services ("Confidential Information"); provided, however, that Confidential Information does not include any information that: (a) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of Receiving Party's breach of this Section VI; (b) is or becomes available to the Receiving Party on a non-confidential basis from a third-party source, provided that such third party is not and was not prohibited from disclosing such Confidential Information; (c) was in Receiving Party's possession prior to Disclosing Party's disclosure hereunder; or (d) was or is independently developed by Receiving Party without using any Confidential Information. Spheros Environmental's Confidential Information shall include the Services performed hereunder and the nature or results of the work performed hereunder. The Receiving Party shall: (i) protect and safeguard the confidentiality of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information with at least the same degree of care as the Receiving Party would protect its own Confidential Information, but in no event with less than a commercially reasonable degree of care; (ii) not use the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information, or permit it to be accessed or used, for any purpose other than to exercise its rights or perform its obligations under this Agreement; and (iii) not disclose any such Confidential Information to any person or entity, except to the Receiving Party's Group who need to know the Confidential Information to assist the Receiving Party, or act on its behalf, to exercise its rights or perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Receiving Party shall be responsible for any breach of the confidentiality and non-use obligations contained herein by the Receiving Party's Group. If the Receiving Party is required by applicable law or legal process to disclose any Confidential Information, it shall, prior to making such disclosure, use commercially reasonable efforts to notify Disclosing Party of such requirements to afford Disclosing Party the opportunity to seek, at Disclosing Party's sole cost and expense, a protective order or other remedy. For purposes of this Section VI only, "Receiving Party's Group" shall mean the Receiving Party's affiliates and its or their employees, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents, independent contractors, service providers, sublicensees, subcontractors, attorneys, accountants, and financial advisors. The terms of this Section VI shall survive and remain in force after any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

VII. HEALTH AND SAFETY. Spheros Environmental has full responsibility for safety of its employees and agents, including providing appropriate safety equipment for its field personnel. In performance of the work, Spheros Environmental shall (a) comply with applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances regarding health and safety, and (b) prepare and comply with its own Health and Safety Plan, as well as any Health

and Safety Plan prepared by Client and delivered to Spheros Environmental prior to commencement of the Services for the site.

VIII. SITE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS. Client shall furnish or make available to Spheros Environmental such documents and information that relate to the identity, location, quantity, nature, or characteristics of any petroleum products, hazardous materials or asbestos at, on, or under the site. If, at any time, evidence of the existence or possible existence of such substances is discovered, Spheros Environmental reserves the right to stop work and renegotiate any consulting agreement and, the fees for our services and our continued involvement in the project. Spheros Environmental will promptly notify Client of any unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials it discovers. In the event that Spheros Environmental removes any pre-existing materials, Spheros Environmental may, but not shall be required to, assist the Client in characterization and handle the pre-existing materials in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances. Client shall be responsible for signing any manifest that may be required to ship pre-existing hazardous materials off site. At no time whatsoever shall Spheros Environmental be considered or assume the responsibilities of a generator of any pre-existing petroleum, chemical or hazardous material located on or about the site where the work is performed. The discovery of hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials may make it necessary for Spheros Environmental to take immediate measures to protect human health and safety and/or the environment. Client agrees to compensate Spheros Environmental for the cost of any and all measures that, in our professional onsite judgment are justified to preserve and protect the health and safety of our personnel, Client's employees and/or the public, and/or the environment. In addition, Client waives any claims against Spheros Environmental and, to the full extent permitted by law, agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Spheros Environmental harmless from any and all claims, damages and liability, including but not limited to cost of defense, in any way connected with petroleum products, hazardous materials or asbestos.

RCRA Compliance. Client shall be responsible for complying with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et. seq. ("RCRA") and its implementing regulations in connection with Spheros Environmental's work under this Agreement. Client may request Spheros Environmental's assistance in meeting its RCRA and other similar waste management obligations, including analytical testing to assist Client in proper characterization of waste, identifying potential transporters and disposal facilities for waste (provided that Client shall make the final selection of both the transporter and disposal facility), entering into subcontracts or purchase order arrangements with the transporters and/or disposal facilities selected by Client, and preparing manifests for the Client's approval and execution. Client agrees that, by virtue of providing these services, Spheros Environmental shall not be deemed a "generator" or a party who "arranges" for the "transportation," "treatment" or "disposal" of any "hazardous waste" or "hazardous substance" (as those terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act or "CERCLA", 42 U.S.C. Section 9601). Client agrees to

indemnify, defend and hold Spheros Environmental, its directors, officers, employees and agents, harmless from and against any and all damages, claims, demands, judgments, obligations, liabilities, any costs (including reasonable attorneys' and expert fees) relating to: (1) Spheros Environmental's work in assisting Client with its RCRA obligations; and (2) the generation, arrangement, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances or hazardous waste generated by the field activities conducted for Client.

IX. CLIENT OBLIGATIONS AND SITE ACCESS. Client shall at its cost and at such times as may be required by Spheros Environmental for the successful and timely completion of Services: (a) provide unimpeded and timely access to any site, including third party sites if required (b) provide an adequate area for Spheros Environmental's site office facilities, equipment storage, and employee parking; (c) furnish all construction utilities and utilities releases necessary for the Services; (d) provide the locations of all subsurface structures, including piping, tanks, cables, and utilities; (e) approve all locations for digging and drilling operations; (f) obtain all permits and licenses which are necessary and required to be taken out in Spheros Environmental's name for the Services; (g) cooperate with Spheros Environmental in all matters relating to Services; and (h) respond and provide promptly to any Spheros Environmental requests for information, material, authorizations, approvals, or other items reasonably necessary to provide or complete Services. Spheros Environmental will not be liable for damage or injury arising from damage to subsurface structures that are not disclosed in writing to Spheros Environmental in connection with its work.

Reporting Requirements. Client may be required under federal, state or local statutes or regulations to report the results of Spheros Environmental's services to appropriate regulatory agencies. Spheros Environmental is not responsible for advising Client about its reporting obligations and Client agrees that it shall be responsible for all reporting, unless Spheros Environmental has an independent duty to report under applicable law. In those situations, Spheros Environmental will provide Client with advance notice that Spheros Environmental believes that it has an obligation to report as well as the substance of the report it intends to make.

X. COST ESTIMATES. If included in the Services, Spheros Environmental will provide cost estimates based upon Spheros Environmental's experience on similar projects, which are not intended for use by Client or any other party in developing firm budgets or financial models, or in making investment decisions. Such cost estimates represent only Spheros Environmental's judgment as a professional and, if furnished, only for Client's general guidance and are not guaranteed as to accuracy.

XI. LIMITED WARRANTY AND REMEDIES. Spheros Environmental represents and warrants to Client that it shall perform the Services with the standard of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by firms providing similar services and in accordance with generally recognized industry standards. Spheros Environmental shall furnish all tools, labor, and supplies in such quantities and of the proper quality to professionally and timely

perform the Services. Spheros Environmental shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty set forth in this Section XI unless Client gives written notice of the defective Services, reasonably described, to Spheros Environmental within thirty (30) days of the time when Client discovers or ought to have discovered that the Services were defective. Subject to the foregoing, Spheros Environmental shall, in its sole discretion, either (a) repair or re-perform such Services; or (b) credit or refund the price of such Services at the pro rata contract rate. THE REMEDIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION XI SHALL BE CLIENT'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AND SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL'S ENTIRE LIABILITY FOR ANY BREACH OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY SET FORTH HEREIN.

XII. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES. EXCEPT FOR THE WARRANTY SET FORTH IN SECTION XII ABOVE, SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL MAKES NO WARRANTY WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES, INCLUDING ANY (a) WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY; (b) WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE; (c) WARRANTY OF TITLE; OR (d) WARRANTY AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF A THIRD PARTY; WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BY LAW, COURSE OF DEALING, COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, USAGE OF TRADE, OR OTHERWISE.

XIII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. Spheros Environmental is an independent contractor, and is responsible for the means and methods of carrying out the scope of services and for the safety of its employees and agents. Spheros Environmental retains the right to require that the services provided by Spheros Environmental meet specific standards without regard to the manner and means of accomplishment thereof. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any agency, partnership, joint venture or other form of joint enterprise, employment, or fiduciary relationship between the Parties, and neither Party shall have authority to contract for or bind the other Party in any manner whatsoever.

XIV. INDEMNIFICATION. Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Spheros Environmental and their respective officers, directors and employees against damages, liabilities or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, arising out of or resulting from (a) bodily injury, death of any person, or damage to real or tangible, personal property resulting from negligent or willful acts or omissions of Client and (b) Client's breach of any representation, warranty, or obligation of Client in this Agreement. This Section XIV shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

XV. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY LOSS OF USE, REVENUE OR PROFIT OR LOSS OF DATA OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE, OR FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES WHETHER ARISING OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), OR OTHERWISE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES WERE FORESEEABLE AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF ANY AGREED OR OTHER REMEDY OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE. IN NO

EVENT SHALL SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHERWISE, EXCEED THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTS PAID OR PAYABLE TO SPHEROS ENVIRONMENTAL PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE ORDER CONFIRMATION.

XVI. INSURANCE. Spheros Environmental shall procure and maintain the following insurance throughout the term of this Agreement: (a) Commercial General Liability; (b) Automobile Liability; (c) Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability; and (d) Professional Liability.

XVII. FORCE MAJEURE. Neither Party shall be liable nor deemed to be in default for any delay or failure in performance under this Agreement resulting from the acts of God, civil or military authority, material change of law, acts of public enemy, war, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, failure of transportation, regional emergencies, strikes or other industrial interruptions by either Party's employees, or any similar or dissimilar cause beyond the reasonable control of either Party. The impacted Party shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably practicable after the removal of the cause. In the event that the impacted Party's failure or delay remains uncured for a period of fifteen (15) consecutive days following written, either Party may thereafter terminate this Agreement upon twenty (20) days' written notice.

XVIII. NOTICE. Any notice to be given hereunder by either Party to the other, shall be in writing and addressed to the Parties at the addresses set forth in the Order Confirmation or to such other address that may be designated by the receiving Party in writing. All notices shall be deemed given when delivered (a) in person, (b) by certified mail, return receipt requested, (c) by commercial courier that provides a receipt of delivery, or (d) by email when the receiving Party acknowledges receipt.

XIX. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE. Either Party may terminate all or part of this Agreement for its convenience and without cause upon giving the other Party not less than thirty (30) days written notice. In such event, Spheros Environmental shall be compensated for the Services competently performed up to and including the date of termination.

XX. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT. Either Party may terminate this Agreement for cause upon giving the other Party not less than ten (10) days written notice for any of the following reasons: (a) substantial failure by the other Party to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and through no fault of the terminating Party, including lack of payment by Client; (b) assignment of this Agreement or transfer of the project by either Party to any other entity without prior written consent of the other Party; (c) suspension of the project or of the Services for more than ninety (90) days, consecutive or in the aggregate; (d) material changes in the conditions under which this Agreement was entered into, the Services or the nature of the project, and the failure of the Parties to reach agreement on the compensation; or (e) Client becomes insolvent or files a petition for bankruptcy. Either Party shall have a period of ten (10) business days from the notice of

noncompliance and threatened termination to cure or correct the default. If this Agreement is terminated following default by Spheros Environmental, Client is relieved of any unpaid payment obligations owed Spheros Environmental for services performed after the default. If this Agreement is terminated following default by Client, Client shall be liable to Spheros Environmental for all unpaid compensation for Services, as well as any collection fees associated with the collection of said compensation including but not limited to, attorneys' fees, court costs, and other related expenses up to and including the termination date.

XXI. ASSIGNMENT. Client shall not assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of Spheros Environmental. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of this Section XXI is null and void. No assignment or delegation relieves Client of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

XXII. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION. The Parties hereby incorporate the requirements of 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(a) and 29 C.F.R. § 471, Appendix A to Subpart A, if applicable. Spheros Environmental and Client shall also abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), if applicable. These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities and require affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities.

XXIII. ENFORCEMENT AND WAIVER. The failure of either Party in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to assert any such terms and provisions on any future occasion or of damages caused thereby.

XXIV. CHOICE OF LAW; JURISDICTION. This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of Colorado without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision. Subject to Section XXVIII, any legal suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America or the courts of the State of Colorado, and each Party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action, or proceeding.

XXV. SEVERABILITY. If any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not invalidate or render unenforceable the entire Agreement, but rather the entire Agreement shall be construed as if not containing the particular invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, and the rights and obligations of the Party shall be construed and enforced accordingly, to effectuate the essential intent and purposes of this Agreement.

XXVI. NONEXCLUSIVE NATURE. This Agreement is not exclusive. Spheros Environmental is free to provide similar services or deliverables to others. Client makes no representations or

warranties as to a minimum or maximum procurement of services hereunder.

XXVII. SURVIVAL. Provisions of these Terms, which by their nature should apply beyond their terms, will remain in force after any termination or expiration of this Agreement including, but not limited to, the following provisions: Confidentiality, Disputes, Compensation, Ownership of Documents, Insurance, and Survival.

XXVIII. DISPUTES. In an effort to resolve any conflicts that may arise, Client and Spheros Environmental agree to resolve any claims or disputes related to this Agreement, in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner so as to avoid unnecessary disruptions and delays to the Services. For any claim or dispute the Parties shall first attempt to resolve such claim or dispute through discussions between Client's and Spheros Environmental's designated representatives. If any such claim or dispute is not resolved through such discussions, the responsible executive of each Party, who shall possess the authority to resolve such matter, shall attempt to resolve such claim or dispute. Either Party may initiate discussions by written notice to the other Party setting forth the subject of the claim or dispute and the resolution sought. The Party in receipt of such notice shall respond within five (5) business days with a written statement of its position on, and recommended solution to, the claim or dispute. If the claim or dispute is not resolved by this exchange of correspondence, then the responsible senior executives of each Party shall meet at a mutually agreeable time and place within ten (10) business days from the Party's response in an attempt to resolve the claim or dispute. Any claims or disputes between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, which have not been resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section XXVIII shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation unless the Parties mutually agree otherwise. Each Party shall pay for its own costs and one-half the cost of a mutually acceptable mediator. In the event mediation is not successful, the claims or disputes between the Parties shall subject to litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Colorado. The Parties irrevocably consent to the personal jurisdiction of said courts and waive any and all defenses of forum non conveniens, improper venue, or lack of personal jurisdiction.

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Workshop Item #3

**Workshop
July 8, 2026**

**Workshop Item #2
FY27 Tax Rate & Budget Development**

Narrative: The District budget workshop is to review and discuss the preliminary tax rate and draft budget for FY27.

FY27 Budget Development Calendar

Date	Task
Wednesday July 8, 2026	Board Workshop: Budget work session; Review FY27 proposals
Saturday July 25, 2026	Chief appraisers certify the approved appraisal roll to the taxing units
Wednesday August 12, 2026	Regular Board Meeting: Finalize budget; set a preliminary tax rate; and confirm date for public hearing and adoption of tax rate
Friday August 14, 2026	CUWCD Notice: Publish Public Hearing Notice with newspapers, County Clerk, and the district website (10-day notice required) for the following: FY27 Tax Rate; FY27 District Budget; District Rule amendments; Administrative Fee Schedule
Wednesday August 26, 2026	Board Meeting and Public Hearing: To adopt and file accordingly 1. FY27 Tax Rate 2. FY27 District Budget 3. District Rule amendments (annual review) 4. Administrative Fee Schedule (annual review)
Monday August 31, 2026	Provide the adopted FY27 Tax Rate to the Bell County Tax Appraisal District
Thursday October 1, 2026	FY27 budget period begins

FY27 Draft Budget Worksheet:

The **attached** budget worksheet includes the following columns from left to right:

1. FY26 year-to-date expenditures as of June 30, 2026
2. FY26 adopted budget amount
3. FY26 amended budget as of June 30, 2026
4. FY26 budget difference as of June 30, 2026
5. **FY26 proposed budget (staff recommendations)**

FY27 Tax Rate Worksheet:

The following **attached** documents have been provided by BellCAD. The chart below summarizes historical values for budget purposes.

Certified Totals	FY	Total Taxable Value	Adopted Tax Rate/\$100	Toal Projected Levy	CUWCD Tax Income			CUWCD Total Budget
					Collected Tax Income	Uncollected Tax	Percent of Tax Levy Collected	
2022 Certified Totals	FY23	30,154,268,369	0.002708	816,578	791,897	24,681	96.88%	879,078
2023 Certified Totals	FY24	35,300,611,496	0.002372	837,331	820,612	16,719	97.96%	959,331
2024 Certified Totals	FY25	38,395,489,939	0.002230	856,220	822,617	33,602	95.91%	940,420
2025 Certified Totals	FY26	41,140,989,596	0.002230	917,444	TBD 861,416 As of 5/26	TBD 56,027 As of 5/26	TBD	983,594
2026 Certified Totals	FY27	TBD Total Tax Roll 42,259,498,590 Excludes Protests 32,658,026,853	TBD FY26 rate 0.002230	TBD 942,381 728,272	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Truth-in-taxation requires local taxing units to make taxpayers aware of tax rate proposals. Taxing units create a budget and adopt a property tax rate that supports that budget. The District must comply with its hearing requirements, notice of no-new-rate and voter-approved rate, and finally the tax rate adoption process.

No-New-Revenue Rate FY27: TBD

- A calculated rate that would provide the taxing unit with approximately the same revenue that it received last year from property that was taxed in both years. This does not include additional revenue from new construction. (Last year's levy minus lost property levy) divided by (current total value minus new property value)

Voter Approval Rate FY27: TBD

- This is the maximum tax increase allowed by law without triggering an election. For a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit – (No-new-revenue maintenance and operations tax rate times 1.035) plus current debt plus unused increment rate.

Proposed Rate FY27: TBD

- The tax rate that the taxing unit is considering for adoption.

FY27 Proposed Studies & Continued Efforts:

The table includes study and data enhancements proposals for FY27 procured as of July 1, 2026.

Service	Task ID	Purpose	Proposal Notes	NTE Cost	CUWCD ID	GM Budget Proposal
KT Groundwater	2027.001	Support	Permit Application Review & Support	\$25,000	53731	Full funding \$25,000
	2027.002	Support	General Geoscience Consulting	\$10,000	53130.4	Full funding \$10,000
	2027.003	Support	GMA/DFC/MAG Joint Planning Support	\$10,000	50605: \$ 5,000 53130.1: \$ 5,000	Full funding \$10,000
	2027.004	TWDB Grant	Project Consulting Costs	\$45,000	TBD	Under TWDB Grant
	2027.005	Study	Water Quality Sampling	\$7,500	53110.5	Full funding \$7,500
	2027.006	Technology & Analytics	Aquifer Data Analysis Tool Updates, Maintenance, and Hosting	\$21,500	53130.6	Full funding \$21,500
	2027.007	Technology & Analytics	Calibrating the NTGAM-CGMM Coupled Model	\$64,700	53150	Decline
Spheros Environmental	2027.1.1	Technology & Analytics	Cloud Hosting	\$750	53306	Full funding \$750
	2027.1.2	Technology & Analytics	Project Coordination & Management	\$2,400	53306	Full funding \$2,400
	2027.2	Technology & Analytics	DMS System Maintenance	\$3,500	53317	Full funding \$3,500
	2027.3.1	Enhancement & Projects	User Based "Read-Only" Mode	\$6,000	53305	Full funding \$6,000
	2027.3.2	Enhancement & Projects	Small UI Refresh	\$500	53305	Full funding \$500
	2027.4	Study	Water Quality Study in Northern Segment of the Edwards BFZ Aquifer	\$23,500	53110.4	Full funding \$23,500
	2025.5	Study	Evaluate District Water Quality Laboratory Procedures and Data	\$15,000	53150	Full funding \$15,000
TWDB Grant	TWDB FY27	Data Collection Study	Integrated Production and Water Level Monitoring for DFC Trend Analysis	\$205,221	TBD	To be accepted
				\$10,880	53140	CUWCD funds pledged
		Task 1	Project Management & Site Selection	\$15,000	TBD	TBD
		Task 2	Equipment Procurement	\$110,221	TBD	TBD

		Task 3	Installation & Commissioning	\$50,000	TBD	TBD
		Task 4	Data Integration & Analysis Framework	\$10,000	TBD	TBD
		Task 5	Reporting & Deliverables	\$20,000	TBD	TBD
USGS	USGS	Data Collection	Spring Flow Gage System	\$16,800	53205	FY27 Contract Approved
Baylor University	BU FY27	Intern	Water Quality Sampling	\$7,000	52020	Full funding \$7,000
Central Texas Water Alliance	CTWA FY27	Cooperative Opportunities	Affiliate Membership	\$25,000	50650	Full funding \$25,000
GMA8	NTGCD Contracts	Cooperative Opportunities	Explanatory Report contract with Intera and AGS	\$2,500	50610	Full funding \$2,500

GM Recommendations:

- ✓ Board members review the draft budget worksheet and discuss funding recommendations presented by the GM.

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
May 2026

Draft Budget - FY2027

WorkSheet #2
Revised 7/6/2026

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

	Oct '25 thru June '26	FY26 Approved Budget	FY26 Amended Budget	\$ Over Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	NOTES
40005 · Application Fee Income	720.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-9,280.00	10,000.00	no change
40007 · Administrative/Recording Fees	250.00	150.00	150.00	100.00	150.00	no change
40010 · Bell CAD Current Year Tax	865,243.56	917,444.00	917,444.00	-52,200.44	917,444.00	same as FY26 for planning purposes
40015 · Bell CAD Delinquent Tax	9,678.38	10,000.00	10,000.00	-321.62	10,000.00	no change
40020 · Interest Income	36,925.91	45,000.00	45,000.00	-8,074.09	45,000.00	no change
40030 · Transport Fee Income	8,927.83	1,000.00	1,000.00	7,927.83	9,000.00	proposed increase to \$0.209/1,000 gallons
40035 · Civil Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	no change
Total Income	921,745.68	983,594.00	983,594.00	-61,848.32	991,594.00	
Gross Profit	921,745.68	983,594.00	983,594.00	-61,848.32	991,594.00	

Expense

50000 · Administrative Expenses

50100 · Audit	8,650.00	8,650.00	8,650.00	0.00	8,910.00	contract year 3 of 5
50200 · Conferences & Prof Development	4,810.87	7,000.00	7,000.00	-2,189.13	4,000.00	remove fee for TWL program
50250 · Contingency Fund	0.00	89,175.00	42,755.00	-42,755.00	44,786.00	
50300 · Director Expenses						
50305 · At Large	75.40	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,424.60	1,500.00	Travel / Hotel / Meals / Mileage
50310 · Pct. 1	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	"
50315 · Pct. 2	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	"
50320 · Pct. 3	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	"
50325 · Pct. 4	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	"
Total 50300 · Director Expenses	75.40	7,500.00	7,500.00	-7,424.60	7,500.00	

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50400 · Director Fees						
50405 · At Large	1,650.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-900.00	2,550.00	17 mtgs X \$150
50410 · Pct. 1	0.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-2,550.00	2,550.00	"
50415 · Pct. 2	1,800.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-750.00	2,550.00	"
50420 · Pct. 3	1,200.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-1,350.00	2,550.00	"
50425 · Pct. 4	0.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	-2,550.00	2,550.00	"
Total 50400 · Director Fees	4,650.00	12,750.00	12,750.00	-8,100.00	12,750.00	
50500 · Dues & Memberships	4,351.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	-648.50	5,000.00	
50550 · Election Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	estimation confirmed by elections office
50600 · GMA 8 Expenses						
50605 · Technical Committee	17,841.94	2,000.00	24,360.00	-6,518.06	5,000.00	KTGW - Task 2027.003
50610 · Administration	3,322.19	2,500.00	3,322.19	0.00	2,500.00	NTGCD Admin
50615 · GAM Development	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 50600 · GMA 8 Expenses	31,164.13	14,500.00	37,682.19	-6,518.06	7,500.00	
50650 · Central Texas Water Alliance	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	Supporting member
50700 · Meals	272.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	-928.00	1,200.00	
50800 · Mileage Reimbursements	1,056.45	4,000.00	4,000.00	-2,943.55	3,000.00	reduced
50900 · Travel & Hotel	1,618.51	5,000.00	5,000.00	-3,381.49	5,000.00	
Total 50000 · Administrative Expenses	81,648.86	179,775.00	156,537.19	-74,888.33	129,646.00	
52000 · Salary Costs						
52005 · / Administrative Manager	47,730.78	63,641.00	63,641.00	-15,910.22	65,550.00	3%
52010 · Educational Coord/Support Tech	44,866.53	59,822.00	59,822.00	-14,955.47	61,617.00	3%
52015 · Manager	74,999.97	100,000.00	100,000.00	-25,000.03	103,000.00	3%
52016 · Assistant General Manager	0.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	-36,000.00	36,000.00	
52020 · Part Time/Intern	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	2 interns - 20hrs/wk @ \$20/hr
52025 · Office Assistant/Field Tech	40,059.72	53,413.00	53,413.00	-13,353.28	55,015.00	3%
52040 · Health Insurance	31,470.40	45,256.00	45,256.00	-13,785.60	49,781.00	FY26 \$39,324 actual + 10% increase (3 on SWH)

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52045 · Payroll Taxes & Work Comp	17,464.79	26,905.00	26,905.00	-9,440.21	29,807.00	
52050 · Retirement	7,269.39	10,730.00	10,730.00	-3,460.61	11,002.00	
52055 · Payroll Expenses	437.17	750.00	750.00	-312.83	750.00	QB payroll fee/WEX HAS admin fee
52060 · Freshbenies	352.00	600.00	600.00	-248.00	600.00	TeleHealth
Total 52000 · Salary Costs	264,650.75	397,117.00	397,117.00	-132,466.25	420,122.00	
53000 · Operating Expenses						
53010 · Accounting/Bank Service Expense	632.47	1,000.00	1,000.00	-367.53	1,000.00	BGFN Support / Cadence Bank
53015 · Admin/Recording Fee Expenses	202.00	500.00	500.00	-298.00	500.00	
53020 · Advertisement	2,518.25	4,000.00	4,000.00	-1,481.75	4,000.00	
53030 · Appraisal District	7,437.50	9,630.00	9,630.00	-2,192.50	10,107.00	Bell CAD taxing unit fee
53100 · Clearwater Studies						
53105 · Trinity Studies						
53105.1 · Pumping Distribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53105.2 · Pumping Test	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53105.3 · Synoptic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53105.4 · GAM Run	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	
53105.5 · Mgmt Options	21,345.00	21,400.00	21,400.00	-55.00	0.00	
53105.6 · Water Quality Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53105 · Trinity Studies	31,345.00	31,400.00	31,400.00	-55.00	0.00	
53110 · Edwards BFZ Studies						
53110.1 · Pumping Distribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53110.2 · Pumping Test	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53110.3 · Synoptic	0.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	-12,500.00	0.00	
53110.4 · Spring Shed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,500.00	Spheros - 2027.4 (Edwards Study)
53110.5 · Water Quality Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	KTGW - 2027.005
53110.6 · GAM Run	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53110 · Edwards BFZ Studies	0.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	-12,500.00	31,000.00	
53115 · Drought Contingency Plan	44,999.25	45,000.00	45,000.00	-0.75	0.00	

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53120 · Endangered Species						
53120.1 · Coalition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53120.2 · Reimbursable Order	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53120.3 · Aquifer Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53120.4 · DPS Petition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53120 · Endangered Species	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53125 · Environmental Flows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130 · General Consulting						
53130.1 · DFC Process	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	KTGW 2027.003
53130.2 · Eval of Rules	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130.3 · Eval. Hydrogeologic Report	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130.4 · Investigations	5,145.20	5,000.00	5,145.20	0.00	10,000.00	KTGW 2027.002
53130.5 · Geo Logging	0.00	1,500.00	677.81	-677.81	1,500.00	
53130.6 · Aquifer Monitor Well Tool	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,500.00	KTGW 2027.006
53130.7 · ASR Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53130.9 · CGMM Dashboard	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53130 · General Consulting	15,645.20	17,000.00	16,323.01	-677.81	38,000.00	
53135 · Monitor Well Construction/Equip	7,120.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	-7,880.00	15,000.00	EnoScientific/Signal Fire/Misc Exp
53140 · Monitor Wells Expenses	5,921.74	10,000.00	10,000.00	-4,078.26	10,800.00	TWDB Grant Pledge
53141 · Weather Station Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53150 · Water Quality	887.31	4,500.00	4,500.00	-3,612.69	20,000.00	Lab \$4,500 / Spheros WQ Asses. \$15,000
53155 · 3-D Visualization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53100 · Clearwater Studies	105,918.50	135,400.00	134,723.01	-28,804.51	114,800.00	
53200 · Spring Flow Gage System						
53205 · Op. & Maintenance	16,800.00	16,800.00	16,800.00	0.00	16,800.00	USGS
53210 · Installation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53200 · Spring Flow Gage System	16,800.00	16,800.00	16,800.00	0.00	16,800.00	

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53300 · GIS Managemet/Analytics						
53305 · Enhancements - Data Base	20,348.00	10,100.00	21,900.00	-1,552.00	6,500.00	Spheros - 2027.3.1 & 2027.3.3
53306 · Hosting - Data Base	1,548.50	2,000.00	2,000.00	-451.50	3,450.00	Spheros - 2027.1 (& Eng Austin \$300 Host.)
53310 · Hosting - PDI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53311 · Hosting - Website	4,680.00	6,240.00	6,240.00	-1,560.00	6,240.00	Presley/Eng Austin
53312 · Enhancements - Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53315 · IT Network Sustainment	5,850.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	-1,950.00	7,800.00	Eng Austin
53317 · Management Tool Sustainment	1,458.50	2,200.00	2,200.00	-741.50	3,500.00	Spheros - 2027.2
Total 53300 · GIS Managemet/Analytics	33,885.00	28,340.00	40,140.00	-6,255.00	27,490.00	
53400 · Computer Licenses/Virus Prtctn	1,521.00	3,364.00	3,364.00	-1,843.00	3,364.00	Eng Austin
53450 · Computer Repairs and Supplies	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	2,500.00	Eng Austin
53500 · Computer Software & Hardware	1,243.79	5,000.00	5,000.00	-3,756.21	5,000.00	Eng Austin
53550 · Copier/Scanner/Plotter	4,750.38	6,350.00	6,350.00	-1,599.62	6,350.00	Xerox
53600 · Educational Outreach/Marketing						
53603 · Sponsorships	7,500.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	-500.00	8,000.00	
53605 · Event Cost	1,853.94	8,000.00	8,000.00	-6,146.06	8,000.00	unexpected sponsors in FY26, no change
53615 · Promotional Items	457.87	3,500.00	3,500.00	-3,042.13	5,000.00	quality items/target adult programs
53620 · Supplies & Equipment	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	2,500.00	booth signage/literature
53625 · Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 53600 · Educational Outreach/Marketing	9,811.81	21,000.00	21,000.00	-11,188.19	23,500.00	
53650 · Furniture & Equipment	483.15	2,500.00	2,500.00	-2,016.85	5,000.00	
53700 · Legal						
53701 · Drought Contingency Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53702 · Endangered Species	0.00	2,500.00	1,322.00	-1,322.00	2,500.00	
53703 · General (rules/accountability)	18,594.50	10,000.00	25,838.00	-7,243.50	20,000.00	increased to fit past expenses
53704 · Legislative Research/Analysis	5,340.00	5,000.00	5,340.00	0.00	5,000.00	
53705 · Legislative Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	legislative year
53706 · GMA/DFC/MAG support	4,759.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-241.00	2,500.00	reduced for new planning cycle
Total 53700 · Legal	28,693.50	22,500.00	37,500.00	-8,806.50	65,000.00	

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53720 · Office Supplies	1,819.52	5,400.00	5,400.00	-3,580.48	3,500.00	office supply reduction
53730 · Permit Reviews						
53731 · Geoscience	1,012.50	25,000.00	24,854.80	-23,842.30	25,000.00	KTGW 2027.001
53732 · Legal Evaluation	0.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	25,000.00	Lloyd Gossselink
Total 53730 · Permit Reviews	1,012.50	50,000.00	44,854.80	-43,842.30	50,000.00	
53740 · Postage	1,561.21	3,450.00	3,450.00	-1,888.79	3,450.00	
53750 · Printing	705.64	2,500.00	2,500.00	-1,794.36	2,500.00	
53760 · Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	0.00	27,500.00	27,500.00	-27,500.00	35,000.00	(-\$36,000 collected in FY25)
53780 · Subscriptions	1,220.48	2,100.00	2,100.00	-879.52	2,100.00	
53785 · Mobile Classroom Expense	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	
53790 · Vehicle Expense	1,928.35	6,720.00	6,720.00	-4,791.65	6,720.00	
Total 53000 · Operating Expenses	222,145.05	358,054.00	379,031.81	-156,886.76	390,181.00	
54000 · Facility Costs						
54100 · Insurance						
54101 · Liability	2,530.00	2,530.00	2,530.00	0.00	2,600.00	estimate increase
54102 · Property	2,526.00	3,003.00	2,568.10	-42.10	2,800.00	"
54103 · Surety Bonds	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,560.00	-260.00	1,600.00	"
54104 · Worker's Comp	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00	1,200.00	"
54105 · Liability - Vehicle	2,639.90	2,455.00	2,639.90	0.00	2,700.00	"
54106 · Liability - Cyber Security	1,500.00	1,250.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,600.00	"
Total 54100 · Insurance	11,545.90	11,588.00	11,848.00	-302.10	12,500.00	
54200 · Building Repairs/Maintenance	10,662.21	10,000.00	12,000.00	-1,337.79	10,000.00	
54300 · Janitorial Service	5,463.00	7,300.00	7,300.00	-1,837.00	7,885.00	estimated increase
54400 · Janitorial Supplies	531.53	2,000.00	2,000.00	-1,468.47	2,000.00	
54500 · Lawn Maintenance/Service	2,250.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-2,750.00	5,000.00	
54600 · Security	604.44	660.00	660.00	-55.56	660.00	
Total 54000 · Facility Costs	31,057.08	36,548.00	38,808.00	-7,750.92	38,045.00	

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55000 - Utilities						
55200 - Electricity	2,899.28	4,000.00	4,000.00	-1,100.72	4,800.00	Oncor delivery charge increase
55300 - Internet	1,619.42	2,100.00	2,100.00	-480.58	2,300.00	\$186/month
55400 - Phone	2,134.67	3,000.00	3,000.00	-865.33	3,000.00	
55500 - Water/Garbage	1,247.86	3,000.00	3,000.00	-1,752.14	3,500.00	possible irrigation increase
Total 55000 - Utilities	7,901.23	12,100.00	12,100.00	-4,198.77	13,600.00	
Total Expense	607,402.97	983,594.00	983,594.00	-376,191.03	991,594.00	
Net Ordinary Income	314,342.71	0.00	0.00	314,342.71	0.00	
Other Income/Expense						
Other Income						
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Net Income	314,342.71	0.00	0.00	314,342.71	0.00	

Improvements	Count	Value
Homesite	78,431	19,479,820,939
New Homesite	3,672	284,034,314
Non Homesite	65,397	19,407,454,692
New Non Homesite	3,882	696,139,478

(+) 39,867,449,423 TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS

Land (269,547.554 acres)	Count	Value
Homesite	77,533	3,967,379,429
New Homesite	0	0
Non Homesite	90,528	6,846,302,395
New Non Homesite	0	0

(+) 10,813,681,824 TOTAL LAND MARKET

Prod (393,194.532 acres)	Count	Value
Productivity	9,319	4,570,728,483
Inventory	0	0
Timber	0	0

(+) 4,570,728,483 TOTAL PROD MARKET

Other	Count	Value
Personal Property	16,800	5,483,066,107
Minerals	0	0

(+) 5,483,066,107 TOTAL OTHER

(=) 60,734,925,837 TOTAL MARKET VALUE

Prod. Use	Count	Value	Loss
Productivity	9,320	69,014,727	4,501,713,756
Inventory	0	0	0
Timber	0	0	0
Totals	9,320	69,014,727	4,501,713,756

(-) 4,501,713,756 TOTAL PRODUCTION LOSS

(=) 56,233,212,081 TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE

Exemptions/Deductions	*** Non-Frozen ***		**** Frozen ****	
	Count	Value	Count	Value
Homestead	0	0	0	0
Homestead Local	0	0	0	0
Over 65 & SS	0	0	0	0
Over 65 Local & SS	23,496	115,434,692	0	0
Disabled	0	0	0	0
Disabled Local	0	0	0	0
Disabled Veteran	11,064	123,476,721	0	0
Disabled Vet HS	17,440	5,927,391,406	0	0
Surv Sp (FR)	53	17,163,863	0	0
Surv SP (Vet)	956	234,277,434		
11.145Personal Prop	0	0		
Abatements	0	0		
Pollution Control	66	142,155,525		
Freeport	28	42,280,969		
Goods In Transit	0	0		
Historic	0	0	0	0
Low Income Housing	0	0		
Solar / Wind Power	34	1,671,216	0	0
Med/BioMed Property	0	0		
Child-Care Facilities	0	0		
Tot Exempt Proration	20	1,566,418	0	0
Misc Exemption *	202	109,882,609		

(-) 775,136,513 CAPPED HOMESTEAD LOSS

(-) 675,927,064 CIRCUIT BREAKER CAP LOSS

(=) 54,768,267,972 TOTAL ASSESSED

(193,991 accounts)

0 TOTAL HOMESTEAD

115,434,692 TOTAL OVER 65

0 TOTAL DISABLED

123,476,721 TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

5,927,391,406 TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN HS

251,441,297 TOTAL SURV SP

0 11.145 PERSONAL PROPERTY

390,664,040 TOTAL OTHER DEDUCTIONS

5,030,853,467 TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTY (INCL HB366)

Total Exempt	9,686.00	5,030,853,467
Taxable Non Frozen		42,259,498,590
Taxable Frozen		0
Taxable New HS Frozen		0
Tax Non Frozen		942,381.49
Tax Frozen		0.00
Tax New HS Frozen		0.00
Total Tax w/o Ceiling		961,063.42
Tax Frozen Loss		0.00
Total Vet HS Proration	0	0.00

12,508,769,382 TOTAL EXEMPTIONS/DEDUCTIONS

42,259,498,590 TOTAL TAXABLE

942,381.49 TOTAL TAX

0.00002230 TAX RATE

Entire Appraisal Roll Summary
WCLW CLEARWATER U.W.C.D.

BELL CAD
Appraisal Year: 2026

	Count	Market	Land	Prod	Improvement	New Hs	Personal	Mineral	Exempt
- ALL	9	137,328	26,000.00	0	111,328	0	0	0	74,664
0 - Conversion	26	6,381,152	0.00	0	0	0	6,381,152	0	2,342,648
A - REAL-RES/SINGLE FAMILY	115,687	31,331,769,568	5,518,551,353.00	767,586	25,753,076,560	270,153,236	0	0	6,202,435,539
B - RESL-RES/DUPLEX	7,649	3,815,861,121	444,189,665.00	5,990	3,370,813,913	4,966,851	0	0	62,366,310
C1 - VACANT COMMERCIAL LOT	13,785	1,064,009,806	928,188,310.00	199,048	118,030,822	86	0	0	3,690,064
D1 - DLCP-DRY LAND CROPLAND	5,616	3,159,019,594	30,278,364.00	40,169,162	194,246,651	826,449	0	0	9,822,559
D2 - IMPROVEMENTS ON QUALIFIED	1,290	826,354,748	54,546,479.00	19,407,542	163,914,954	222,464	0	0	9,632,096
E - NON QUALIFIED AG LAND	6,457	3,187,495,355	848,309,011.00	8,223,215	1,411,959,873	7,835,072	0	0	175,005,938
F1 - COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT	5,243	4,802,350,129	1,078,607,330.00	225,055	3,702,662,452	0	0	0	83,243,011
F2 - INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENT	225	1,545,143,480	26,846,016.00	3,220	1,517,970,742	0	0	0	123,179,554
J1 - UTILITIES/WATER SYSTEMS	6	915,708	897,647.00	0	18,061	0	0	0	0
J2 - UTILITIES/GAS COMPANIES	21	78,524,521	627,824.00	0	509,677	0	77,387,020	0	250,000
J3 - UTILITIES/ELECTRIC CO	125	602,233,197	5,195,626.00	8,283	82,897	0	596,421,400	0	2,825,086
J4 - UTILITIES/TELEPHONE CO	37	54,804,270	809,018.00	0	196,216	0	53,799,036	0	517,105
J5 - RAILROADS	40	136,667,370	950,874.00	0	0	0	135,716,496	0	740,575
J6 - PIPELINES	164	70,640,162	125,678.00	0	25,056	0	70,489,428	0	4,912,493
J7 - CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY	23	53,939,851	0.00	0	0	0	53,939,851	0	567,312
L1 - BUSINESS PERSONAL	15,294	1,722,860,451	0.00	0	0	0	1,722,860,451	0	629,051,368
L2 - INDUSTRIAL PERSONAL	788	2,603,185,811	0.00	0	0	0	2,603,185,811	0	158,785,894
M1 - MOBILE HOME (PERSONAL PRO	4,838	57,555,438	15,563.00	5,626	57,155,972	30,156	0	0	3,488,602
N - INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPER	1	4,960	0.00	0	4,960	0	0	0	0
O - BLDRS/DEVELOPERS VACANT LO	6,723	239,033,180	236,199,810.00	0	2,833,370	0	0	0	5,000
S - SPECIAL INVENTORY	170	125,395,283	0.00	0	0	0	125,395,283	0	1,500
X - TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTY	1	994,741	994,741.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
XG - 11.184 Primarily performing charita	12	5,051,511	970,291.00	0	4,055,797	0	25,423	0	4,854,736
XI - 11.19 Youth spiritual, mental, and ph	37	47,907,087	37,835,919.00	0	10,069,168	0	2,000	0	44,229,565
XJ - 11.21 Private schools	107	89,271,987	20,514,449.00	0	68,739,898	0	17,640	0	86,361,936
XL - 11.231 Organizations Providing Eco	74	35,470,134	19,304,204.00	0	16,036,436	0	129,494	0	34,344,056
XO - 11.254 Motor vehicles for income p	1	5,600	0.00	0	0	0	5,600	0	5,600
XR - 11.30 Nonprofit water or wastewater	177	67,400,875	15,255,560.00	0	51,824,603	0	320,712	0	66,795,732
XV - Other Exemptions (including public	9,365	5,004,541,419	1,544,442,092.00	0	3,423,110,017	0	36,989,310	0	4,799,240,439
TOTAL	193,991	60,734,925,837	10,813,681,824	69,014,727	39,867,449,423	284,034,314	5,483,066,107	0	12,508,769,382
ALL PTD TOTAL	193,991	60,734,925,837	10,813,681,824	69,014,727	39,867,449,423	284,034,314	5,483,066,107	0	12,508,769,382

Improvements		Count	Value		
Homesite	72,439		17,589,804,698		
New Homesite	3,357		253,546,979		
Non Homesite	50,410		13,540,439,371		
New Non Homesite	2,884		461,549,102	(+)	31,845,340,150 TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS
Land (233,838.038 acres)		Count	Value		
Homesite	71,538		3,597,516,016		
New Homesite	0		0		
Non Homesite	69,457		5,135,340,621		
New Non Homesite	0		0	(+)	8,732,856,637 TOTAL LAND MARKET
Prod (358,988.541 acres)		Count	Value		
Productivity	8,614		4,121,749,917		
Inventory	0		0		
Timber	0		0	(+)	4,121,749,917 TOTAL PROD MARKET
Other		Count	Value		
Personal Property	16,800		5,483,066,107		
Minerals	0		0	(+)	5,483,066,107 TOTAL OTHER
				(=)	50,183,012,811 TOTAL MARKET VALUE
				(-)	4,058,024,090 TOTAL PRODUCTION LOSS
				(=)	46,124,988,721 TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE
Prod. Use	Count	Value	Loss		
Productivity	8,614	63,725,827	4,058,024,090		
Inventory	0	0	0		
Timber	0	0	0		
Totals	8,614	63,725,827	4,058,024,090		
Exemptions/Deductions		*** Non-Frozen ***		***** Frozen *****	
		Count	Value	Count	Value
Homestead		0	0	0	0
Homestead Local		0	0	0	0
Over 65 & SS		0	0	0	0
Over 65 Local & SS		21,724	106,646,442	0	0
Disabled		0	0	0	0
Disabled Local		0	0	0	0
Disabled Veteran		10,288	114,885,992	0	0
Disabled Vet HS		17,183	5,848,655,870	0	0
Surv Sp (FR)		52	17,007,863	0	0
Surv SP (Vet)		951	232,753,321		
11.145Personal Prop		0	0		
Abatements		0	0		
Pollution Control		64	81,430,010		
Freeport		28	42,280,969		
Goods In Transit		0	0		
Historic		0	0	0	0
Low Income Housing		0	0		
Solar / Wind Power		26	1,299,607	0	0
Med/BioMed Property		0	0		
Child-Care Facilites		0	0		
Tot Exempt Proration		19	686,694	0	0
Misc Exemption *		202	109,882,609		
Total Exempt			4,992,611,700		
Taxable Non Frozen				32,658,026,853	
Taxable Frozen				0	
Taxable New HS Frozen				0	
Tax Non Frozen				728,272.28	
Tax Frozen				0.00	
Tax New HS Frozen				0.00	
Total Tax w/o Ceiling				746,954.21	
Tax Frozen Loss				0.00	
Total Vet HS Proration			0	0.00	
				(-)	706,630,687 CAPPED HOMESTEAD LOSS
				(-)	435,717,970 CIRCUIT BREAKER CAP LOSS
				(=)	44,968,782,992 TOTAL ASSESSED
					(166,622 accounts)
					0 TOTAL HOMESTEAD
					106,646,442 TOTAL OVER 65
					0 TOTAL DISABLED
					114,885,992 TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN
					5,848,655,870 TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN HS
					249,761,184 TOTAL SURV SP
					11.145 PERSONAL PROPERTY
					328,687,192 TOTAL OTHER DEDUCTIONS
					4,992,611,700 TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTY (INCL HB366)
					12,310,756,139 TOTAL EXEMPTIONS/DEDUCTIONS
					32,658,026,853 TOTAL TAXABLE
					728,272.28 TOTAL TAX
					0.00002230 TAX RATE

Entire Appraisal Roll Summary - Excluding Protests
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	Count	Market	Land	Prod	Improvement	New Hs	Personal	Mineral	Exempt
- ALL	9	137,328	26,000.00	0	111,328	0	0	0	74,664
0 - Conversion	26	6,381,152	0.00	0	0	0	6,381,152	0	2,342,648
A - REAL-RES/SINGLE FAMILY	101,206	27,134,678,084	4,783,295,174.00	660,181	22,299,384,710	240,836,965	0	0	6,112,860,365
B - RESL-RES/DUPLEX	3,991	1,832,579,540	229,380,013.00	2,906	1,602,614,093	4,072,769	0	0	58,100,543
C1 - VACANT COMMERCIAL LOT	11,414	720,131,851	627,786,044.00	150,488	82,730,816	86	0	0	3,638,564
D1 - DLCP-DRY LAND CROPLAND	5,284	2,887,560,162	28,183,277.00	36,816,938	168,847,927	779,796	0	0	9,787,559
D2 - IMPROVEMENTS ON QUALIFIED	1,192	732,545,647	39,953,741.00	18,918,094	133,097,513	573,525	0	0	9,031,058
E - NON QUALIFIED AG LAND	5,671	2,689,799,119	690,748,483.00	6,996,502	1,202,949,335	7,253,682	0	0	171,454,023
F1 - COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT	3,376	2,299,534,588	563,531,048.00	165,403	1,723,674,807	0	0	0	83,243,011
F2 - INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENT	153	1,053,972,470	16,691,874.00	1,406	1,037,099,866	0	0	0	62,454,039
J1 - UTILITIES/WATER SYSTEMS	5	893,562	891,247.00	0	2,315	0	0	0	0
J2 - UTILITIES/GAS COMPANIES	21	78,524,521	627,824.00	0	509,677	0	77,387,020	0	250,000
J3 - UTILITIES/ELECTRIC CO	123	602,098,746	5,064,684.00	8,283	79,388	0	596,421,400	0	2,825,086
J4 - UTILITIES/TELEPHONE CO	23	54,145,089	327,767.00	0	18,286	0	53,799,036	0	517,105
J5 - RAILROADS	40	136,667,370	950,874.00	0	0	0	135,716,496	0	740,575
J6 - PIPELINES	164	70,640,162	125,678.00	0	25,056	0	70,489,428	0	4,912,493
J7 - CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY	23	53,939,851	0.00	0	0	0	53,939,851	0	567,312
L1 - BUSINESS PERSONAL	15,294	1,722,860,451	0.00	0	0	0	1,722,860,451	0	629,051,368
L2 - INDUSTRIAL PERSONAL	788	2,603,185,811	0.00	0	0	0	2,603,185,811	0	158,785,894
M1 - MOBILE HOME (PERSONAL PRO	4,589	55,611,302	15,563.00	5,626	55,211,836	30,156	0	0	3,402,759
N - INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPER	1	4,960	0.00	0	4,960	0	0	0	0
O - BLDRS/DEVELOPERS VACANT LO	3,293	110,917,579	108,938,367.00	0	1,979,212	0	0	0	5,000
S - SPECIAL INVENTORY	170	125,395,283	0.00	0	0	0	125,395,283	0	1,500
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XV - Other Exemptions (including public	9,357	4,964,706,248	1,541,443,815.00	0	3,386,273,123	0	36,989,310	0	4,760,118,948
TOTAL	166,622	50,183,012,811	8,732,856,637	63,725,827	31,845,340,150	253,546,979	5,483,066,107	0	12,310,756,139
ALL PTD TOTAL	166,622	50,183,012,811	8,732,856,637	63,725,827	31,845,340,150	253,546,979	5,483,066,107	0	12,310,756,139

Workshop Item #4

THIS IS TEXAS WATER.

Fact Sheet

PURPOSE AND GOAL

Over the past two decades, water leaders across Texas have worked to improve public awareness around water sources and conservation. While awareness has improved in some areas, survey research conducted for this campaign revealed many Texans still do not know where their water comes from or how water infrastructure supports their daily lives.

This is Texas Water was created to inspire Texans to better understand their water—where it comes from, how much their community will need in the future, and the water infrastructure and planning needed to help ensure our state never sees a day without it.

Unlike past campaigns that focused on conservation, this campaign will highlight the built, natural, and human infrastructure — making the invisible visible.

CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

The campaign is live now, with primary promotion and media investment concentrated on the launch from June through September 2026.

It will utilize digital, radio, billboards, and other media channels statewide.

Featuring a zip code lookup tool, the campaign website gives users a deeper dive into their local water sources, county supply and demand projections, and regional water planning groups.

The campaign is anchored by a flagship anthem video debuting July 1 that follows a day in the life of water across the state.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the 88th Texas Legislature directed the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to create and fund this campaign through the Texas Water Fund, dedicating up to \$2 million per year, with up to four annual renewals not to exceed \$10 million.

In 2024, the TWDB published a request for applications and subsequently selected Texas Water Foundation (TWF) to assist with developing and implementing the campaign.

Over the past year and a half, the TWDB and TWF communications teams have been working on the development of the statewide water awareness campaign.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Stakeholders are encouraged to share campaign content on social media and direct their communities to the zip code lookup tool at thisistexaswater.org.



THIS IS TEXAS WATER.

Talking Points

WHAT IS THE CAMPAIGN?

This is Texas Water was created to inspire Texans to better understand their water—where it comes from, how much their community will need in the future, and the water infrastructure and planning needed to help ensure our state never sees a day without it.

WHY THIS CAMPAIGN? WHY NOW?

Aging infrastructure and rising demand are impacting the water Texans rely on every day.

As communities grow, long-term planning and public understanding of water systems become increasingly important to supporting reliable water supplies for future generations.

Over the last two decades, water leaders across Texas have worked to improve public awareness around water sources and conservation. While awareness has improved in some areas, research conducted for **This is Texas Water** revealed most Texans do not know where their water comes from or how water infrastructure supports their daily lives.

This campaign was created to help close that knowledge gap and encourage Texans to engage in shaping a secure water future for their own communities.

HOW IS THE CAMPAIGN FUNDED AND MANAGED?

The campaign is funded through the Texas Water Fund, a statewide investment dedicated to addressing Texas' water challenges and strengthening long-term water supply.

The TWDB awarded funding of up to \$2 million per year, with up to four annual renewals not to exceed \$10 million, to support the development and implementation of the campaign.

The TWDB, the state agency that leads Texas' water planning and financing, received those funds and contracted with the TWF to bring the campaign to life.

TWF is contracted by the TWDB to oversee all campaign work and subcontractors.

CONTACT

If you have follow up questions or need additional context, please email contact@thisistexaswater.org.



SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT GUIDE

Follow and Share

During launch (June-September), campaign social media activity is focused on Instagram ([@thisistxwater](https://www.instagram.com/thisistxwater)). Bringing engagement into one place helps Texans discover, share, and interact with campaign content. As the campaign evolves, stakeholders will have additional opportunities to participate through community stories, local features, and other engagement opportunities.

1. Follow [@thisistxwater](https://www.instagram.com/thisistxwater) on Instagram

Stay up to date on campaign content, videos, and stories from across Texas.

2. Share Posts to Your Instagram Story

The best way to support the campaign is by sharing posts from [@thisistxwater](https://www.instagram.com/thisistxwater) directly to your Instagram Story. Doing this also helps us track campaign metrics more easily.

- Tap the paper airplane icon beneath the post
- Select “Add to Story”
- Add your own message or tag if desired
- Share with your followers

3. Direct Your Community to the Campaign

Encourage your audiences to:

- Follow [@thisistxwater](https://www.instagram.com/thisistxwater)
- Visit thisistexaswater.org
- Explore the ZIP code lookup tool

