



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 25-00885**

**Agenda Date: 11/4/2025**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Award and Agreement with O'Steen Brothers, Inc. (14734), for Bid 25-542-LC Santa Fe Hills Water System Renovation for Public Works.**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Award and Agreement with O'Steen Brothers, Inc. (14734), for Bid 25-542-LC Santa Fe Hills Water System Renovation, for a total fiscal impact of \$1,479,307.50 (\$1,344,825.00 base bid plus \$134,482.50 contingency), for Public Works.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Award and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 14734 with O'Steen Brothers, Inc., substantially in the form attached to this agenda item, for Bid 25-542-LC Santa Fe Hills Water System Renovation, for a total fiscal impact of \$1,479,307.50. Approve budget amendment increasing budget on project by \$530,000.

**Prior Board Motions:**

April 4, 2024, the Board approved 1st Amendment 13962 with JBrown Professional Group, Inc., (RFP 23-391) for Engineering Services for Santa Fe Hills Water System Replacement (ARP2021x017) for Public Works. Item 24-00317.

September 26, 2023, the Board approved Agreement 13962 with JBrown for RFP 23-391 Engineering Services for Santa Fe Hills Water System Replacement. Item 23-00570.

June 13, 2023, the Board approved the vendor ranking and authorized staff to negotiate an agreement, with the top ranked vendor, JBrown Professional Group, Inc., for RFP 23-391 Engineering Services for Santa Fe Hills Water System Replacement for Public Works. Agenda Item 23-00220.

December 6, 2022, the Board approved American Rescue Plan (ARP) - State & Local Fiscal Recovery - Santa Fe Hills Water System (ARP2021x017) project and budget amendment. Agenda Item 23-0210.

**Fiscal Note:**

With the approval of the attached budget amendment (moving \$530,000 from within fund 052 from Broadband Project) the total amount for this project is \$1,780,000, in account 052.56.5600.533.63.98 (Infrastructure Improve other than Bldgs. Project ARP2021X017 Santa Fe Hills Water System

Upgrade) which should cover the Contract Costs with 10% Contingency and In-house Project Management.

**Strategic Guide:**  
Infrastructure

**Background:**

The work at Santa Fe Hills Water System Renovation will consist of the termination of the existing water main connection, abandonment of the existing water system, and construction of a new potable water distribution system with service connections to all lots served by the existing water system with an added connection of the new water services to home water supplies.

Work will also include restoration and sodding of disturbed areas, replacement of pavement and sidewalk, and repairs of residents' landscaping and hardscaping impacted by water main installation.

Santa Fe Hills is a subdivided neighborhood located in unincorporated Alachua County near the city limits of Alachua. The subdivision entrance is located on NW 168th Avenue at the intersection with NW 173rd Street (CR 235A), just west of Santa Fe High School. The subdivision consists of 87 lots, several of which are vacant. The residents of Santa Fe Hills primarily receive their potable water from the Santa Fe Hills Water System, whose water plant is located on Lot 46 (Alachua County Tax Parcel 03043-046-000) within the subdivision.

Originally a privately owned facility, the Santa Fe Hills Water System was constructed in 1966 with the intent to provide potable water to local residents who had no other available water source at the time. Alachua County took over operation and maintenance of the system in 2002. The County inherited an aged water system that was lacking in detailed design information. The system has reached the end of its service life and needs to be replaced. Connection to the City of Alachua's potable water system is now a viable option. The City's system is located nearby along NW 173rd Street (CR 235A).

Bid 25-542-LC Santa Fe Hills Water System Renovation was released on July 16, 2025. The deadline for receipt of Bid 25-542-LC Santa Fe Hills Water System Renovation was September 3, 2025; six (6) vendors responded.

The project details can be found here:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/alachuacounty/projects/171968>