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Wichita's future water-supply plan moves ahead

Work continues on the City of Wichita's plan to develop a new future water supply. Tuesday, the Wichita City Council unanimously approved five design contracts that focus on a significant portion of the project's infrastructure. The contracts total more than \$5.7 million and will provide services to complete 30% of the design work for the projected facilities. The contracts were awarded to the following companies:

Camp Dresser & McKee Inc., \$2.3 million, water treatment plant

Camp Dresser & McKee Inc., \$1.8 million, pipeline and intake

Burns and McDonnell, \$954,240, recharge and recovery wells

CH2M Hill, \$424,450, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

systems

CH2M Hill, \$240,785, overhead power lines

The water-supply plan, known as the Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project, was initiated by the city's Water Utilities

Department after it was determined that the demand for water in our community will exceed the capacity of our water supply in the next decade. Through the ASR project, Wichita will receive the water it needs through the year 2050 by taking excess water flow out of the Little Arkansas River, treating it to meet water-quality standards and pumping it underground into the Equus Beds aquifer for later use. Phase I of the ASR project was completed in 2006 with the capacity to pump up to 10 million gallons of water a day into the aquifer.

The newly approved design contracts are part of Phase II that will increase production to 30 million gallons of water a day. After its four phases are completed, the ASR project will be capable of producing up to 100 million gallons of water a day, adding up to 65 billion gallons of water to the Equus Beds aquifer.

To learn more about the ASR project, go to www.wichita.gov and click on "Water Utilities."

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