

A Qualified Infrastructure Improvements Plan
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On December 9, 2024, in its decision in Case No. 2024-00314 the Public Service Commission ordered Powells Valley Water District to file a QIIP on or before April 15, 2025 in Case No. 2024-00314. Powells Valley Water District submits the following QIIP.

The Powells Valley Water District is located in the Mountain foothills of the Eastern Kentucky in the physiographic region know as the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field which is dominated by forested hills and highly dissected by V-shaped valleys. The area is noted to have several thick, resistant sandstones separated by less resistant shales. The manner in which the sandstones weather and are eroded along an escarpment results in sheer cliffs, steep-walled gorges, rock shelters, waterfalls, natural bridges and arches, and some of the most scenic areas in Kentucky. It contains the Red River Gorge and Natural Bridge State Park which are examples of some of the scenic areas along the escarpment. Theses same features are also examples of the difficult terrain encountered for serving water supply to the residents of the area. Recent developments in the area from popular expansion by people desiring the natural beauty of the region has put a strain on the water supply and distribution facilities. The expansions are fueled by the construction of many Bed and Breakfast units and many individual cabins located in the higher elevations and hilltops.

The Powells Valley Water District owns and operates water distribution facilities to serve over 2500 customers. They purchase their water from the Beachfork Water Commission who draws its raw water from the Beachfork Reservoir and the Red River. The purchase agreement allows for 20 million gallons per month and during one peak month the District purchased approximately 15 MG/month. The Powells Valley Water District operates over 350 miles of water mains, 6 water boosting pump stations and 6 water storage tanks. As with any industry, all require maintenance and upkeep. The District has applied for funding for a water system improvements project to improve and expand these facilities including replacement of pump stations and tanks as well as sandblasting and painting tanks, replacing water mains and water meters with leak detection capabilities. A portion of the funds have been committed by State grants and the balance is still pending and requested from USDA Rural Development.

Below is an inventory of the District's water supply facilities:

Water Mains

8" PVC	6 miles
6" PVC	200 miles
4" PVC	70 miles
3" PVC	80 miles

plus various 1" and 3/4" service lines

Pump Stations

2 centrifugal duplex pumps	300 GPM @ 20 HP
2 centrifugal duplex pumps	40 GPM @ 5HP
2 centrifugal duplex pumps	20 GPM @ 10HP
2 centrifugal duplex pumps	200 GPM @ 15 HP
2 vertical turbine pumps	200 GPM @ 50 HP
2 centrifugal turbine pumps	40 GPM @ 5 HP

Water Storage Tanks

Steel ground storage	100,000 gallons capacity	720-722 Elevation
Steel ground storage –	100,000 gallons capacity	800-845 Elevation
Steel ground storage	200,000 gallons capacity	662-722 Elevation
Steel ground storage	100,000 gallons capacity	1026-1048 Elevation,
Steel ground storage	200,000 gallons capacity	1550—1650 Elevation
Steel ground storage	100,000 gallons capacity	1050-1072 Elevation.
Steel ground storage	80,000 gallons capacity	

The problematic terrain and subsurface conditions present issues with the integrity of the plastic water mains. The unaccounted for water loss as reported in the latest PSC Annual Report was 23.8%. It is above the general acceptable loss of 15% which is used for all systems regardless of the terrain and soil conditions. Efforts have been ongoing to reduce the loss but the District lacks the manpower, equipment and resources to effectively make a significant impact.

Year	Reported Water Loss	Purchased Water Cost	Cost of Water Loss > 15%	Total Cost of Water Loss
2020	26.6%	\$409,205	\$47,857	\$109,665
2021	29.3%	\$446,229	\$64,217	\$131,536
2022	27.6%	\$408,141	\$51,927	\$113,809
2023	18.7%	\$564,537	\$17,660	\$89,747
2024	23.8%	\$522,746	\$45,815	\$124,227

In a recent PSC rate case and order, the District was granted a water loss reduction sur-charge of \$2.28 per customer for a 4 year period. The estimated monthly revenues for the sur-charge based on February 2024 billings are \$5715. This planning document utilizes the monthly revenues of \$5,715 and calculates an estimated annual revenue of \$68,580 for its proposed operations.

The Powells Valley Water District intends to use the water loss surcharge funds to locate, target and eliminate or reduce water loss issues in its system and work in conjunction with the anticipated water system improvements project. The RD Water System Improvements Project includes new meters and setters that will eliminate the old service settings that are not in compliance with the Lead and Copper rule as well as provide for more accurate readings and billings.. They will have the iTron leak detection device and be AMR capable. The iTron sonic sensors can detect leaks on the customer's side of the meter and in the mains on the Powells Valley Water District side of the meter.

Water Loss Reduction Plan

The water loss reduction plan involves installation of strategically located metering equipment, the purchase and use of leak detection equipment and hiring of a new employee for more intense monitoring, locating and repair of distribution system leaks.

Metering

The Powells Valley Water District intends to purchase and install 1" bypass meters located as to isolate small sections of the water system to be able to compare the metered use in the zone to the sales through the service meters to determine a loss factor for various sections of the system. Currently the District has one master meter to compare to the total sales preventing determining where water losses may be occurring. The meters will be AMR with sonic listening devices to further aid in detection and elimination. Installation of the meters requires valves, a valve box, a mega lug pack and PVC knock ons. See Appendix 1 detailing the meters specifications and a cost estimate for purchase and installation.

Isolation Valves

In order to install the meters and isolate sections of the mains, gate valves will need to be installed. The isolation gate valves will also help limit the service disruptions when the District is repairing the locate leaks by shutting down smaller sections of the mains. See Appendix 1 detailing the valves and a cost estimate for purchase and installation.

Leak Detection Equipment

To locate and eliminate leaks once they are isolated by metering zones, a leak detection sensing system is required. PVWD proposes to utilize the LD-18 Digital Water Leak Detector by Pipehorn Locating Technology. It includes sensors for direct contact with hydrants, pipes, valves and appurtenances as well as surface sensitive piezo electric ceramic sensor with base plate for asphalt or concrete directly over pipes. It has five high-frequency filters, three low-frequency filters and two notch filters to ensure continuous removal of interfering noises from A/C hum, motors, wind, etc. See Appendix 1 detailing the leak detection unit specifications and a cost estimate for purchase.

PVWD is proposing to purchase and use a SubSurface LC-5000 Digital Dual Leak Correlator to improve detection. The logger mode includes a timer for delayed short-term or overnight deployment, so you can choose the best time to run your tests. In addition to enhanced correlations, the high-sensitivity sensors have a distance resolution of 8" in high-precision mode. The correlator has a GPS locator. See Appendix 1 detailing the leak detection equipment and a cost estimate for purchase.

Additional Maintenance Personnel

The work load on existing employees does not allow for the appropriate more intensive time allocated for leak detection and repairs. PVWD proposes to hire a new employee to provide the service. PVWD estimates it will take 75% of the new employee's time dedicated to leak detection. See Appendix 1 calculations for the annual expense for a new employee.

Utility Truck

In order to provide for additional help performing leak detection, the new employee will need a truck for transportation and storage of the leak detection equipment. PVWD proposes purchase of a new Truck. See Appendix 1 for a cost estimate of a new Double Cab 1500 Silverado truck.

The following is a table of proposed projects and scheduling of same:

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Projects and Schedule

Year	Item	Purpose	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Annual Water Loss Surcharge Revenues					\$68,580
Year 1	Install 1" bypass meters	Install 1" bypass meters at strategic locations to isolate the system into zones. Materials include meters, setters, meter boxes, gate valves, a mega lug pack and PVC knock ons.	10	\$1,887	\$18,870
	install isolation valves	In order to install the meters and isolate sections of the mains, gate valves will need to be installed. The isolation gate valves will also help limit the service disruptions when the District is repairing the located leaks by shutting down smaller sections of the mains.	3	\$2,508	\$7,524
	purchase new truck	In order to provide for additional help performing leak detection, the new employee will need a truck for transportation and storage of the leak detection equipment. PVWD proposes purchase of a new Truck.	1	\$41,398	\$41,398
	Total Expenditures Year 1				\$67,792
	Balance				\$788

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Year	Item	Purpose	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
	Annual Water Loss Surcharge Revenues				\$68,580
	Carry Over Balance				\$788
	Total Funds with Carryover				\$69,368
Year 2	hire employee (75% water loss)	The work load on existing employees does not allow for the appropriate more intensive time allocated for leak detection and repairs. PVWD proposes to hire a new employee to provide the service. PVWD estimates it will take 75% of the new employee's time dedicated to leak detection. See Appendix 1 for calculation of cost.		Lump Sum	\$40,716
	Install 1" bypass meters	See Year 1 meterspurpose	10	\$1,887	\$18,870
	purchase digital leak detector	To locate and eliminate leaks once they are isolated by metering zones, a leak detection sensing system is required. PVWD proposes to utilize the LD-18 Digital Water Leak Detector and SubSurface LC-5000 Digital Dual Leak Correlator	1	\$6,900	\$6,900
	Total Expenditures Year 2				\$66,486
	Balance				\$2,882

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Year	Item	Purpose	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
	Annual Water Loss Surcharge Revenues				\$68,580
	Carry Over Balance				\$2,882
	Total Funds with Carryover				\$71,462
Year 3	New employee (75% water loss)	The work load on existing employees does not allow for the appropriate more intensive time allocated for leak detection and repairs. PVWD proposes to hire a new employee to provide the service. PVWD estimates it will take 75% of the new employee's time dedicated to leak detection.			\$40,716
	Install 1" bypass meters	See Year 1 meters purpose	10	\$1,887	\$18,870
	install isolation valves	See Year 1 valves purpose	4	\$2,508	\$10,032
	Total Expenditures Year3				\$69,618
	Balance				\$1,844

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Year	Item	Purpose	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Annual Water Loss Surcharge Revenues					\$68,580
Carry Over Balance					\$1,844
Total Funds with Carryover					\$70,424
Year 4	New employee (75% water loss)	See year 3 purpose			\$40,716
	Subsurface Dual Leak Correlator	PVWD is proposing to purchase and use a SubSurface LC-5000 Digital Dual Leak Correlator to improve detection, provide for delayed short-term or overnight deployment, enhanced correlations with high-sensitivity sensors with resolution of 8" in high-precision mode.			\$25,500
	Total Expenditures Year 4				\$66,216
	Balance				\$4,208

See Appendix 1 for details and costs

Appendix 1

Details, Cost Estimates and Justifications for:

1" Bypass Meters

Isolation Valves

Leak Detection Truck

Additional Employee

Digital Leak Detector

Dual Leak Correlator

1" Bypass Meters



Randy Ledford <randy.ledford@pvwd.org>

1" BY-PASS METER PROJECT

1 message

Skip Marion <Skip.Marion@cspipe.com>

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 10:43 AM

To: "Randy.Ledford@pvwd.org" <Randy.Ledford@pvwd.org>

- 2 6" X 1" SADDLE 79.00 EA
- 2 1" CORP STOP 84.00 EA
- 4 1" SS INSERT 2.60 EA
- 1 1" BDL VALVE SETTER 493.00 EA
- 1 18" X 24" METER BOX 52.72 EA
- 1 18" H/D FLAT LID W/TR 79.00 EA

END SET

SUB TOTAL FOR ONE SET \$ 985.12

6% TAX ~~\$ 58.11~~

TOTAL \$ ~~1044.23~~

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Contractor

Labos \$550.00



Bid Proposal for POWELL VALLEY WATER DISTRICT 1" METERS

POWELL VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**Job Location:** Clay City, KY**Bid Date:** 03/06/2025**Core & Main Bid #:** 4060718**Core & Main**

2141 Christian Rd

Lexington, KY 40509

Phone: 8592533464**Fax:** 8592530848

Seq#	Qty	Part Number	Description	Units	Price	Ext Price
20	6	4310G02L02D18D8UB	1 FLOWIQ 2200 USG ALD 10-3/4"LL SS BODY 02-L-02-D-1-8D-8UB	EA	351.89	2,111.34
Sub Total						2,111.34
Tax						0.00
Total						2,111.34

Branch Terms:

This quote represents our interpretation of the plans & specifications and is offered as an aid to bidding only.

Customers should verify all materials & quantities prior to bidding or ordering.

Unless otherwise noted, PVC pipe prices are based on availability at the time of shipping.

HDPE prices are good for 10 days from quote date and price per foot might be revised if quantity changes.

Pricing is subject to change if the scope of the quote is altered, at the discretion of the branch.

Special order material or other non-stock items may be non-refundable or subject to a cancellation/restock charge.

Special order non-stock items must be shipped to customer within 30 days of receipt by Core & Main.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED HEREIN, PRICES QUOTED ARE VALID IF ACCEPTED BY CUSTOMER AND PRODUCTS ARE RELEASED BY CUSTOMER FOR MANUFACTURE WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS QUOTATION. CORE & MAIN LP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INCREASE PRICES TO ADDRESS FACTORS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, TARIFFS, TRANSPORTATION, FUEL AND RAW MATERIAL COSTS. DELIVERY WILL COMMENCE BASED UPON MANUFACTURER LEAD TIMES. ANY MATERIAL DELIVERIES DELAYED BEYOND MANUFACTURER LEAD TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO PRICE INCREASES AND/OR APPLICABLE STORAGE FEES. THIS BID PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT UPON BUYER'S ACCEPTANCE OF SELLER'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE, AS MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME, WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT: <https://coreandmain.com/TandC/>

THIS BID MAY INCLUDE GLOBALLY SOURCED (IMPORTED) MATERIALS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGING TARIFFS. PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL TARIFFS IMPOSED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IF IMPOSED, PRICES WILL INCREASE BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE AND WILL BE EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE THAT THE NEW TARIFFS ARE IMPLEMENTED. THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE PURCHASED WITH HASTE TO AVOID ANY ADDITIONAL RISING TARIFF COSTS.

Isolation Valves

FW: 1" BY-PASS METER PROJECT AND 6" CUT IN GATE VALVE

1 message

Skip Marion <Skip.Marion@cspipe.com>
To: "randy.ledford@pvwd.org" <randy.ledford@pvwd.org>

Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 9:56 AM

- 1 6" MJ GATE VALVE 1117.00 EA
- 1 VALVE BOX 97.00 EA
- 2 6" MEGA LUG PACK 75.00 EA
- 2 6" PVC KNOCK ON 124.00 EA

SUB TOTAL 1612.00
 6% TAX ~~96.72~~
 TOTAL ~~1708.72~~

Contractor Labor
 \$ 800.00

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From: Randy Ledford <randy.ledford@pvwd.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 12:41 PM
To: Skip Marion <Skip.Marion@cspipe.com>
Subject: Re: 1" BY-PASS METER PROJECT

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thank You sir. Will you do me another quote with a 6" gate valve and 2 - 6" knock ons with a valve pipe stand?

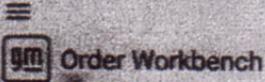
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Leak Detection Truck



Order Details - Stored Configuration <DRZN3X>



Customer Dealer

BAC Information

Contact Name
Contact Phone

DAN Stock No. Update

Double Cab V8

Model/Order Information

Model Year	2025
Division	CHEVROLET
Distribution Entity	FLT Fleet
Order Type	FNR - Fleet Commercial
Allocation Group	CLDDBL
Model	CK10753 - 1500 Silverado: 4WD Standard Box Double Cab
TPW	
Requested TPW	9/2/24
VIN	
Request ID	DRZN3X
MSRP w/DFC	\$47,190.00

*Your Price
\$41,398.00*

Vehicle Specifications

PEG	1WT - Work Truck Preferred Equipment Group
Color	GAZ - Summit White
Trim	H1T - 1WT/1FL-Cloth, Jet Black, Interior Trim
Engine	L84 - Engine: 5.3L, EcoTec3 V-8, DI, Dynamic Fuel Mgt, V V T
Transmission	MHT - 10-Speed Automatic
Emissions	FE9 - Federal Emissions
Ordered Options	

- 1WT - Work Truck Preferred Equipment Group
- AQQ - Keyless Remote Entry
- AZ3 - Seats: Front 40/20/40 Split-Bench, Full Feature
- 8G9 - Floor Covering: Rubberized Vinyl, Black
- C5W - GVW Rating 7000 Lbs
- E63 - Durabed
- FE9 - Federal Emissions
- GAZ - Summit White

- GU5 - Rear Axle: 3.23 Ratio
- H1T - 1WT/1FL-Cloth, Jet Black, Interior Trim
- IOR - Chevrolet Infotainment, 7" Color Screen
- K34 - Cruise Control
- KC4 - Cooler, Engine Oil
- KNP - Transmission Cooling System
- KW7 - Alternator, 170 AMP
- L84 - Engine: 5.3L, EcoTec3 V-8, DI, Dynamic Fuel Mgt, V V T

Additional Employee

Estimate of Cost of New Employee

Annual Wages	\$18/hour x 2080 Hours	\$17440
Fringe Benefits	annual wages x 45%	<u>\$16,848</u>
Estimated Annual Cost of 1 new Employee		\$54,288

Digital Leak Detector

SubSurface LD-18 Digital Water Leak Detector



Item number 24892

Brand Name	Subsurface Locators & Leak Detection
Catalog Page	923
Net weight	20
Condition	New

\$6,900.00 price per each
excl. tax

In Stock

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Product Details

- Automatic noise reduction blocks out intermittent sounds
- 5 high-frequency filters & 3 low-frequency filters for removing continuous interferences
- Graphic backlit display—store and view up to 250 leak records

Conduct leak surveys at hydrants valves and meters as well as ground miking on asphalt or concrete directly over pipes. The SubSurface LD-18 digital leak detector comes standard with a highly sensitive piezo electric ceramic sensor with base plate and magnet base.

The all-digital amplifier lets you easily hone in on leak sounds, while automatic noise reduction clears intermittent sounds like footsteps, voices and vehicle traffic. Five high-frequency filters, three low-frequency filters (plus off) and two notch filters (plus off) ensure continuous removal of interfering noises from A/C hum, motors, wind, etc.

Store up to 250 sound records and view them easily via the graphic backlit display. View sound levels at different locations over the pipe as well as bar graphs and numeric displays of loudness levels. To find the location of the loudest leak sound simply save leak sound levels at 5 to 10 spots over the pipe and graph them to see which spot is loudest. It's that easy.

Easily transfer stored data from the leak detector to your computer for record keeping and further analysis. Simply upload the included PC software onto your computer and transfer data using the USB cable.

Includes: amplifier with padded case and 40" belt ground microphone and hand switch magnetic base nut driver aviation-grade stereo headphones PC software USB cable and heavy-duty ABS plastic carrying case.

Note: For applications requiring a direct connection to deep pipes or valves an optional sensor with strong magnet and 9.75' cable is available as special order. Contact USABlueBook for more information.

Tech Specs:

Bandwidth: 30 to 2,200 Hz

Filters: 10

Filter types: 5 high, 3 low and 2 notch

Output indicators:

– Audio: high-performance headphones

– Visual: digital LCD display

Battery test: digital

Battery type: four C batteries (included)

Battery life: 24 hours (continuous use)

Dimensions (amplifier/display): 6.4"W x 3.0"H x 5.7"D

Dual Leak Correlator



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SubSurface LC-5000 Digital Dual Leak Correlator

Item number 24940

Brand Name Subsurface Locators & Leak Detection

Catalog Page 922

Net weight 44

Condition New

\$25,500.00 price per each
excl. tax

Call for availability

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Product Details

- Main processor unit weighs less than 5 lbs!
- Includes 2 Pre-Amplifier Sensors

SubSurface has made leak detection easier than ever with the LC-5000 correlator. This compact, lightweight system is easily set up and operated as a real-time correlator or as a correlating data logger system. With the wireless sensor integrated into the pre-amp, you have many options for real-time, short-term or overnight logger deployment.

The LC-5000 features simple three-step programming and GPS. Manipulate the data and input from the processor screen—there's no need for additional set-ups for secondary verifications, which saves you time. Logger mode offers a timer for delayed short-term or overnight deployment, so you can choose the best time to run your tests. In addition to enhanced correlations, the high-sensitivity sensors have a distance resolution of 8" in high-precision mode.

The LC-5000 also has programmable frequencies specifically for PVC—there's no need to purchase separate low-frequency sensors to run correlations on PVC pipes. Use the included 3-ft long antenna extenders for deep valve deployments.

If you don't need relay mode or the distance that the four-sensor package offers, the LC-5000 Dual correlator is a robust, budget-friendly option. Use this economical model for straight line-of-sight shoots. If your needs change, you can add additional sensors at any time.

Includes: two wireless integrated pre-amplifier sensors, two 3'L antenna extenders, battery charging cables, software (available for download), manual, and heavy-duty carrying case. 5-year warranty.

Documents

› Manual