



City of Blue Lake

Supplemental Staff Report

Agenda Item #: 6c

Meeting Date: July 28, 2026

Prepared By: Jennie Short, City Manager

Subject: Contract with Bender Rosenthal to Provide Property Appraisal and Acquisition services for Water Tank 1 Site and Associated Waterline and Access Easements {APNs 312-190-010, 312-131-045 and 312-131-046}

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with Bender Rosenthal Incorporated in the amount of \$21,100
2. Authorize expenditure of approximately \$25,000 From the City's Water Fund for property acquisition and appraisal contract services plus legal support services
3. Other direction as appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

No decision has yet been made to acquire the property by eminent domain. Before such a decision can be made, the law requires that the property first be appraised. Staff may then recommend that the Council acquire the property, but no acquisition may occur unless and until the Council formally approves it. The Council retains discretion to approve or reject the acquisition and must determine whether the public interest and necessity require the project, whether the project is planned and located in the manner that is most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury, and whether the property sought to be acquired is necessary for the project.

Review Information:

City Manager Review: ☒ Legal Review: ☒ Planner Review: ☐ Engineer: ☐

Comments:

City of Blue Lake 7th Cycle Housing Element Public Workshop & City Council Study Session

This Public Workshop & City Council Study Session is an informal, public meeting where Council Members and City Blue Lake residents will receive a presentation on the 7th Cycle Housing Element and have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the draft element with City staff before making future decisions.

This workshop is an exploratory and educational space. No decisions will be made at the workshop. The workshop will be in-person only. The draft 7th Cycle Housing Element and related materials are available online: [BlueLakeHousingElement.com](https://www.cityofbluelake.org/BlueLakeHousingElement.com)

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026

Timing: 10:30am to 12:30pm

Location: Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Rd, Blue Lake, CA 95525

Goals: Create a dedicated space for members of the City Council and Blue Lake residents...

- To receive an overview of the draft 7th Cycle Housing Element.
- Ask clarifying questions to better understand the document.
- Prepare the draft Housing Element to be approved at a future meeting (on August 25th) for submission to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for a mandatory 90-day compliance review.

Draft Agenda:

Section	Description	Start Time
Introduction	Provide an overview of the agenda and goals for the session, including a timeline for the 7th Cycle Housing Element process and engagement conducted to date.	10:30am
Discuss Existing Conditions	Offer a brief summary of what has been learned about housing in the City of Blue Lake through the 7th Cycle Housing Element process.	10:40am
Brief Q&A	Hold space for any clarifying questions or comments.	10:50am
State Requirements	Introduce key State requirements for the Housing Element process and what the City can expect moving forward.	11:00am
Brief Q&A	Hold space for any clarifying questions or comments.	11:15am
Programs	Summarize key program areas in the draft 7th Cycle Housing Element.	11:25am
Extended Q&A	Hold space for any clarifying questions or comments.	11:45am

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Thank you,
Elin L. Ryan
Humboldt Resident
and ALLUF Climate Action Campaign



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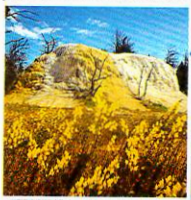
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