

Consent Item Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors - January 2026**ACTION ITEM**

Sponsor: Ashlee Hamilton, Director of Finance

Project number and name or topic: FY2026 Budget Modifications

1. **Description of agenda item:** The Board is asked to approve modifications to the FY2026 budget as outlined on the attached list. These modifications were identified by staff and reviewed with Finance Committee at its January 13, 2026 meeting. If the changes proposed in this briefing sheet are approved (including agenda items 3-02 Budget Modification to Fund Project 6538 – Relocating Buoy to Naked Island and 3-03 Budget and Contract Increase for Cathodic Protection System Testing) the FY2026 contingency will be \$91,866.36.

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** PWSRCAC's annual budget provides the organization's spending plan and authorities. While some of the listed modifications are within the authorities of the Executive Director and the Executive Committee, others are not. The entire list is therefore presented to the Board to simplify the approval process.

3. **Previous actions taken by the Board on this item:**

Meeting	Date	Action
Board	5/1/2025	Approved the FY2026 budget.
Board	12/11/2025	Approved the proposed FY2026 budget modifications as presented, with a total revised contingency in the amount of \$218,866.

4. **Committee Recommendation:** The Finance Committee reviewed these proposed budget modifications at their January 13, 2026 meeting and recommend Board approval.

5. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** Approve the FY2026 budget modifications as listed on the provided sheet, with a total revised contingency in the amount of \$91,866.36.

6. **Alternatives:** None recommended.

7. **Attachments:** The list of proposed budget modifications.

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Proposed FY2026 Budget Modifications

January 22, 2026

Description	Project #	Project Name	To/from Contingency	
Increase in salaries due to the salary discrepancies disclosed to the Board on August 22, 2025. These funds will replace funds originally budgeted to hire temporary help if needed, and will allow for some discretionary performance bonuses for select staff.	1000	General & Administrative	(\$20,000.00)	
Contract increase for Kevin Garrity/Mears Group for additional scope to review a large amount of documentation beyond what was originally envisioned (see January 2026 briefing sheet 3-3 for more detail).	5595	Review of VMT Cathodic Protection Systems	(\$25,000.00)	This item will be on a separate agenda item / including it here for transparency purposes
Contract increase for Geosyntec to assist with reviewing and developing comments on Alyeska's revised hydro-test to verify the integrity of the secondary containment liners at the VMT.	6510	State Contingency Plan Reviews	(\$12,000.00)	
The VMT weather buoy went offline due to an extended period of cold and windy weather that resulted in excessive ice build-up on the buoy's solar panels, preventing the batteries from charging. The \$5000 included in the FY2026 budget for an emergency site visit will be used to restore the buoy's functionality in January 2026. These additional requested funds would cover the cost of another emergency site visit if the buoy were to break free from its anchor at some point between now and the start of FY2027.	6531	Port Valdez Weather Buoys	(\$5,000.00)	
The OSPR Committee is recommending that proposed FY2027 project 6535 Duck Flats Buoy Relocation be funded and started in FY2026 such that the buoy can be deployed in Spring of 2026 rather than the Fall. This project scored in the top 1/3rd of the FY2027 projects for the LRP (see January 2026 briefing sheet 3-2 for more detail).	6538	Relocating Former Duck Flats Buoy to Naked Island	(\$65,000.00)	This item will be on a separate agenda item / including it here for transparency purposes
Ending Contingency			\$91,866.36	