



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0130

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Tracey Balint, P.E., Interim Director, Department of Public Services

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 5 to Water Service Contract between the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA) / the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), City File #E13-006

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**REQUEST:**

The Department of Public Services requests that Amendment No. 5 to the Water Service Contract, provided by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), be accepted and that the City Council authorizes the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA) Chairperson to execute the updated contract on behalf of the City.

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 22, 2014, City Council approved the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA) agreement. NOCWA consists of the City of Rochester Hills, the City of Auburn Hills, Orion Township and the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (representing the City of Pontiac).

The purpose of NOCWA is to provide better water service to the four communities, maximize the utilization of existing underutilized assets (for example, Pontiac water storage tanks) and to increase overall efficiency by operation as a small regional district instead of four individual communities.

This has created an economic benefit by sustaining water rates, sharing best management practices with neighboring communities, improving water system pressures for some customers during high water demand, maximizing existing infrastructure and reducing future capital expenditures.

Amendment #4 to the Water Service Contract was signed on October 10, 2022. NOCWA representatives recently met with the GLWA for our scheduled contract re-opener. NOCWA requested to lower the max day from 43.5 MGD to 40.2 MGD and the peak hour from 48.6 MGD to 46.1 MGD. Upon approval, amendment no. 5 to the Water Service contract will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Public Services recommends that Amendment No. 5 to the Water Service Contract, provided by the GLWA, be accepted and that the City Council authorizes the NOCWA Chairperson to execute the updated contract on behalf of the City.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney     Yes     N/A