



**Memorandum**

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Thomas Dansie, Director of Community Development  
**Date:** September 3, 2020  
**Re:** September 9, 2020 Town Council Meeting  
**Water Tank Removal Proposal – Al Tiley and Luke Wilson**

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**Executive Summary**

Al Tiley has offered to partner with the Town on removal of the Town’s decommissioned water tank on the Balanced Rock landslide. Mr. Tiley has negotiated a “cost only” price of \$22,000 from contractor Luke Wilson to remove the water tank and associated pipes extending to SR-9. Mr. Tiley has offered to cover one-quarter of that cost. Luke Wilson has also offered to cover one-quarter of the cost. Mr. Tiley is asking the Town to pay the remainder, \$11,000.

The Council needs to decide:

- 1- Whether or not to grant Luke Wilson access to the Town’s water tank property to remove the decommissioned tank, and
- 2- Whether or not to participate in the costs to remove the tank (\$11,000).

**Background**

Sometime prior to 1992 the Town installed a concrete municipal water tank on the hillside above SR-9 in the vicinity of the Cliffrose Lodge. The tank was damaged beyond repair in the 1992 earthquake-triggered Springdale landslide. Since that time the remains of the tank and exposed pipes have been largely untouched.

The decommissioned water tank and pipes are unsightly and could present safety hazards.

Both Al Tiley and Luke Wilson have an interest in removing the remains of the water tank. The remains of the tank are a visual nuisance for Al Tiley. Luke Wilson owns the property surrounding the water tank and would like the tank removed.

Because removing the tank is a benefit to Mr. Wilson, he has offered to provide the equipment and labor to remove the tank at his cost. Mr. Wilson estimates his hard costs as a contractor will be \$22,000 to remove the tank. Mr. Tiley and Mr. Wilson have both offered to cover one-quarter of these hard costs (\$5,500 each).

Mr. Tiley is requesting the Town to pay the remaining \$11,000 of the hard costs to remove the water tank.



**Summary**

The Council needs to determine whether or not to:

- 1) Allow removal of the water tank from the Town's property, and
- 2) Contribute \$11,000 to the costs of removing the tank.

Because the Town has not budgeted funds for the tank removal, if the Council decides to participate in removing the tank the Town will also need to pass a budget amendment making these funds available.