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Lemoore council ponders water sale

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LEMOORE — The Lemoore City Council is considering selling some of its well water to help drought-stricken residents in the region.

Council members will decide Tuesday whether to sell up to an acre-foot a month for six months to Self-Help Enterprises, a Visalia-based nonprofit organization that has launched a water tank program for residents whose wells have gone dry because of drought.

One acre-foot of water works out to roughly 325,000 gallons. That's enough to supply an American home for 12-18 months.

Tanks can be temporarily placed at the residences until the well can be deepened or a new well can be dug, but Self-Help needs entities willing to sell it water.

If the agreement is approved, Lemoore would charge Self-Help \$6-\$10 per 1,000 gallons.

The water would not necessarily stay inside the boundaries of Kings County, according to city documents.

In other business, council members will continue to evaluate in closed session the performance of City Manager Andi Welsh, who was hired last year.

The city manager evaluation has been a closed session agenda item for at least the past two City Council meetings.

If a decision is made in closed session such as giving Welsh a pay raise or firing her, it would have to be announced at the start of the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting.

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he Lemoore City Council meets Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at 429 C St.