



# CITY OF EUREKA

## \$28 Million Acquisition of Water and Wastewater Systems



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- Population of 11,700
- Located in St. Louis County

### WATER SYSTEM

- \$18 million appraised value
- 4,200 customers

#### Water source:

- 6 wells
- 58 miles of water main
- 643 hydrants

### WASTEWATER SYSTEM

- \$10 million appraised value
- 4,200 customers

#### Treatment:

- Three-cell aerated lagoon plant
- over 62 miles of wastewater pipe

### GROWING PAINS IN EUREKA

As Eureka’s population expanded, so did the complexity and cost of managing its water and wastewater systems. The City faced mounting challenges in meeting stringent federal and state regulations, while also struggling to recruit and retain qualified personnel to operate the systems effectively. Residents voiced growing concerns about the aesthetic quality of their drinking water, citing unpleasant taste and odor, as well as negative impacts on household appliances. City officials were confronted with significant and costly upgrades that without support would have required substantial capital investment and steep rate increases for customers.

### SOLUTION: A VOTE OF TRUST

City leaders began initial conversations with Missouri American Water in 2018. A formal appraisal valued the city’s water and wastewater systems at \$28 million. In addition to the purchase price, Missouri American Water pledged to invest \$37 million over the next decade to improve water quality, modernize aging infrastructure and maintain regulatory compliance with state and federal regulations. In August 2020, more than 66% of Eureka voters approved the ballot measure to sell the systems, affirming their trust in Missouri American Water as the city’s water and wastewater provider.

### MISSOURI AMERICAN WATER INVESTMENTS IN EUREKA

Year	Investment
2022	\$1.5 million
2023	\$14.3 million
2024	\$14.7 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30.5 million</b>

### RESULT: A PIPELINE TO PROGRESS

Following approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission, Missouri American Water began providing water and wastewater service to Eureka in August 2022. The transition marked the beginning of a multi-year infrastructure improvement effort aimed at improving water quality, system reliability and regulatory compliance with major investments to:

- Construct and complete a five-mile pipeline to supply Eureka with water from the Missouri River.
- Upgrade the city’s wastewater treatment plant.
- Deploy advanced metering infrastructure and enable real-time monitoring and faster leak detection.

The new pipeline, completed ahead of schedule, now delivers high-quality drinking water sourced from the Missouri River and has replaced the city’s previous groundwater supply, which had long been criticized for taste, odor, and mineral content.

“I was elected...to try to resolve Eureka’s water and sewer challenges. After carefully analyzing the issues and examining our options, I recommended going with Missouri American Water as the best option. I’m glad voters agreed and look forward to working with Eureka residents and the Board of Aldermen to focus on other needs of our community, including reinvesting the sale proceeds to support economic growth.”

– *City of Eureka, Mayor Sean Flower*