



## Agency Report

July 12, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Water and Power Department

**SUBJECT:** REJECTION OF THE BID FOR PROVIDING LABOR AND MATERIALS TO RENOVATE THE FOUNTAIN AT THE GLENARM PLANT

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council reject the bid received on May 26, 2010 in response to specification LD-10-1 for providing labor and materials to renovate the fountain at the Glenarm Plant, and authorize the City Manager to issue a new call for bids.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The proposed project involves replacement of the old piping and water-flow control system of the historic fountain located at the southeast corner of Glenarm Street and Fair Oaks Avenue. The existing electric valves and associated piping for cycling fountain water spray will be demolished in the underground vault of the fountain and replaced with new water pumps and stainless and copper piping. The antiquated mechanical control system that cycles the water spray and colored lights will also be replaced with an electronic control system. A new filtration system will be added to maintain clean water in the fountain basin and to reduce water usage by minimizing water change-out.

The original structural supports for the central basin, which are rusted and corroded, will be replaced with new stainless steel roof supports. This work will require the temporary removal of the 72 glass blocks in the central basin pylon to reduce the weight as the support is being replaced in the underground vault. The remaining work to complete the Glenarm Fountain Renovation, which is not part of the proposed project, involves replacement of broken basin floor tiles and re-anchoring of capstone in the perimeter of the basin.

On April 29, 2010, a Notice Inviting Bids for providing labor and materials to renovate the Glenarm fountain was advertised in the Pasadena Star-News and posted on the City's web. In addition, the specification was mailed to 13 prospective bidders. The mandatory pre-bid conference on May 11, 2010 was attended by 11 bidders. Only one

bid was received on May 26, 2010 from Perry C. Thomas Construction in the amount of \$347,962. Since this bid is 39% higher than staff's estimate of \$250,000, it is recommended that this bid be rejected.

Staff will revise the specifications to allow the bidders to reuse some of the existing pipes that are still in good condition. Replacement of these pipes is very labor extensive and may cause water leaks. In addition, the specifications will be revised to give bidders more time to prepare their proposals and allow bidders to complete the project in 120 calendar days instead of 100 calendar days as originally specified. These revisions will slightly simplify the contractor's scope of work and may result in more bids with a lower price.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

There is no environmental impact of this action.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact of this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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