

Agenda Report

November 25, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Water and Power Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO REVISE SCOPE OF WORK ON CONTRACT WITH NOVINIUM, INC. FOR A CABLE REJUVENATION PROJECT FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Affirm that on November 4, 2013, the Council found the project to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), and the proposal herein does not constitute a substantial change in the project description, nor is there new information or changed circumstances that would trigger further environmental review;
2. Authorize a change in the scope of work in the contract with Novinium, Inc. for cable rejuvenation from 34kV Line 13 to 34kV Line 14.

BACKGROUND:

On November 4, 2013, City Council approved a contract in the amount of \$275,000 with Novinium, Inc. for a cable rejuvenation project on 34kV Line 13. Recently there was a failure on Line 13, and approximately 20% of that line has been replaced with new cable. The vendor recommended, and staff concurs, that it would be better to replace the rest of Line 13 with new cable and use Line 14 for the cable rejuvenation project. The Line 14 cable is the same length, age and type as the Line 13 cable. Novinium has accepted this change and agreed that all other terms of the contract shall be unchanged.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed contract is consistent with the City Council's goals to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

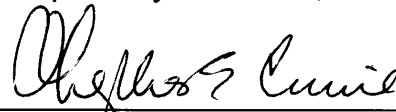
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

On November 4, prior to approval of the contract, the City Council found that the project was exempt from CEQA review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which exempts actions such as maintenance, repair, operations, etc. relating to existing facilities or structures where there is negligible or no expansion of the use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

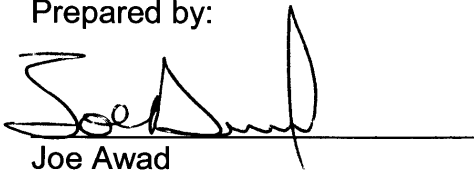
There is no fiscal impact of this action, and it will not impact any other capital or operational projects.

Respectfully submitted,



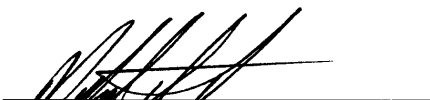
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