

# Agenda Report

December 9, 2019

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Water and Power Department  
**SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BID FOR LABOR AND SERVICES FOR WOOD POLE INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND TREATMENT**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) (projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Reject the bid received on April 3, 2018 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Labor and Services for Wood Pole Inspection, Repair, and Treatment.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Water and Power Department ("PWP") developed bid Specifications for labor and services for wood pole inspection, repair, and treatment as part of the Public Utilities Commission General Order 165 (GO 165) inspection mandate. The bid specification provided the opportunity to award a contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

A Notice Inviting Bids was advertised in the Pasadena Journal and on Planet Bids on January 11, 2018. The electronic posting generated 2,602 notices to prospective bidders, and Specification documents were downloaded by 21 vendors. One bid was received from Intec Services, Inc. ("Intec") on April 3, 2018.

Staff recommends rejecting the single bid received. Administrative gaps created by unexpected separation of lead staff members caused the delay in decision-making and made rewarding a contract using this procurement process untimely. Upon rejection of the previous bid by the City Council, staff would issue an updated Specification for competitive bidding selection, which may also result in receiving more than one bid.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

Rejecting all bids supports the City Council's goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

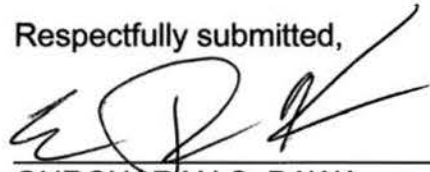
**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines statutorily exempt from CEQA "projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves." The rejection of bids for labor and services for wood pole inspection, repair, and treatment is statutorily exempt from CEQA per these Sections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action has no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,



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