



Agenda Report

To: City Council

Date: August 13, 2001

From: CITY MANAGER

Subject: Purchase Of Two 14-Foot Step Vans

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order contract to Los Angeles Freightliner, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$114,724 for the purchase of two 14-Foot Step Vans.

BACKGROUND:

The Water and Power Department needs to replace two special duty vehicles. These vehicles are 17 years old and are no longer economical to maintain. In addition they no longer meet the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) standards established for these types of work vehicles. The normal replacement schedule for these vehicles is ten years.

On March 26, 2001, as a result of a competitive bid process, the City Council awarded a contract to Los Angeles Freightliner, Inc. in the amount of \$114,724 for the purchase of two 14-Foot Step Vans. The Water and Power Department would like to purchase two additional vans identical to those purchased previously. Los Angeles Freightliner, Inc. has agreed to extend the original purchase price to the City for the additional two vehicles. Authorizing the purchase at this time will allow the City to purchase the vehicles at model year 2001 prices.

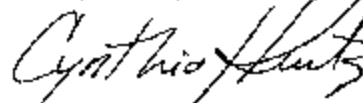
Splicing vans are used daily in the construction and maintenance of underground power, both transmission and distribution systems for new primary and secondary services to homes and businesses. These special duty vans are on call 24 hours a day and must remain fully functional in case of an emergency. The relative low mileage vis-à-vis the age of the vans that is indicated on the attached vehicle condition report does not truly represent the actual workloads required of these vehicles. Typically, work crews travel to a particular worksite and remain at that location for extended periods while work is completed. The trucks are of a size that when working on city streets, there is minimum impact on traffic flow. This vehicle also functions as a material-handling platform and mini

warehouse. The features of this vehicle provide for rapid deployment in emergencies along with extended deployment capabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds are available in the FY2002 Power Delivery Business Unit Operating Budget in account 8505 under Equipment and Other Capital Expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



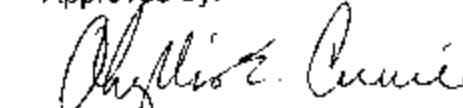
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Attachment