

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** October 28, 2002  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order Not To Exceed amount of \$727,185 to purchase Two Replacement Triple Combination Fire Pumper Trucks.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize a Purchase Order for an amount not to exceed \$727,185 to South Coast Fire Equipment for the purchase of two replacement Triple Combination Fire Pumpers;
- 2) Grant this contract an exemption from Competitive Selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance pursuant to P.M.C. 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. The proposed purchase is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

## BACKGROUND

The Fire Department is in need of replacing two fire pumpers (equipment #0063 and 0137) that have reached the end of their lifecycles. New updated engines are needed to accommodate the City's goal to provide advanced life support (ALS) from each of the eight geographic districts in the City. One of the ways to accomplish this is to carry paramedics on City fire engines. The two new engines being purchased are configured with a hydraulic ladder mounted on top of the apparatus and not on the sides as in the old configuration. This increases body space and allows for additional compartments to be added to the truck. These compartments will enable paramedic supplies and equipment to be carried on board. Currently, the City operates four rescue ambulances and two paramedic capable engines. The addition of two more paramedic capable engines will address the need for ALS in all eight City districts.

These engines will also address the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines and OSHA requirements for enclosed cabs that provide increased fire fighter protection. By purchasing these two engines, 80 percent of the front line fleet will be in compliance.

In June of 2002, the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District undertook a competitive bidding process for the purchase of four Pierce Dash Fire Engines. As a result of the bid process, Sacramento awarded a contract to South Coast Fire Equipment, Inc. South Coast has offered to extend this 2002 bid price to the City of Pasadena. Purchasing the requested equipment from South Coast would be in the City's best interest because it would expedite the process and save the City approximately \$53,000 in price increases for model year 2003.

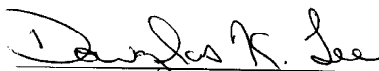
FISCAL IMPACT

This equipment is a budgeted replacement and funds in the amount of \$727,185 are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund, account #766300.

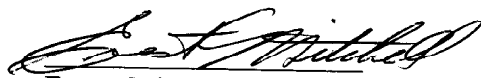
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