

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL                      **DATE:** MARCH 29, 2004  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** PURCHASE ORDER WITH WESTERN GCS FOR \$403,585  
FOR TWO STREET SWEEPERS

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to Western GCS in the amount of \$403,585 without competitive bidding pursuant to Pasadena City Charter Section 1002(H) (contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors) for the purchase of two Tymco Street Sweepers.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Pasadena's Department of Public Works uses street sweepers to safely and efficiently clean debris from city streets. The equipment recommended for purchase will replace two 1996 Johnston broom sweepers units #00488 and #00489. These eight-year-old, high-use vehicles have exceeded their projected seven-year life cycle. In addition, the vehicles' age and obsolete technical capability have resulted in higher maintenance costs. Therefore, it is no longer cost-effective to operate this equipment.

The new sweepers will use a Regenerative Air design that vacuums the dirt and debris into the rear of the sweeper and will be powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). This design is ideal for neighborhoods, especially those that are tree-lined. This design provides the sweepers with a greater level of efficiency when picking up leaves. This sweeper model is also designed to operate quieter and is more environmentally friendly than the current sweepers that are powered by diesel fuel engines. In addition to providing compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1186, the Regenerative Air sweeper has a filtering system of screens and watering jets incorporated into its design to cut

and is more environmentally friendly than the current sweepers that are powered by diesel fuel engines. In addition to providing compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1186, the Regenerative Air sweeper has a filtering system of screens and watering jets incorporated into its design to cut down on Particulate Matter (PM-10) and dust historically released into the atmosphere by street sweeping activity.

The City of Madera recently completed a competitive bidding process for the purchase of alternate-fuel-powered regenerative air sweepers, and as a result of that process, the bid for two street sweepers was awarded to Western GCS Power Equipment. Western GCS Power Equipment has offered to extend this bid price for the same equipment to the City of Pasadena.

Purchasing the requested street sweepers using the bid from the City of Madera is in the City's best interest for two reasons. The sweepers purchased by the City of Madera are the same configuration as the proposed units to be purchased by the City of Pasadena. The purchase of these units with the same configuration as existing units will insure reduced repair costs and vehicle downtime due to parts standardization and mechanic and operator familiarity with the equipment.

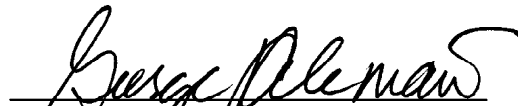
**FISCAL IMPACT**

This equipment is a budgeted replacement in the FY 2004 Budget, and funds in the amount of \$403,585 are available for use in the Equipment Replacement Fund, account #766300.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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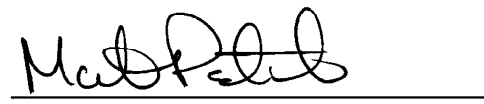
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