

# Agenda Report

June 16, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Pasadena Water and Power Department

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES FREIGHTLINER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 10-YARD DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PASADENA WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the authorization to enter into a purchase order contract with Los Angeles Freightliner is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule);
2. Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Los Angeles Freightliner in an amount not to exceed \$188,420; and,
3. Grant an exemption from competitive bidding and competitive selection pursuant to City Charter §1002(H) contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors and Section 4.08.049(B) where the best interest of the city will be served by the exemption.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Pasadena Water and Power Department ("PWP") Water Construction and Metering Sections perform routine and emergency operations, maintenance, and construction of Capital Improvement Program projects on PWP's water distribution system. The crews regularly require large vehicles capable of hauling debris from various work sites, in addition to towing heavy construction equipment and material. PWP has a need to purchase a larger dump truck to supplement the existing fleet and provide better efficiency during regular and emergency construction activities.

The City of Burbank undertook a competitive bidding process (Specification No. 2090 10/11) for the purchase of a 10 yard dump truck. This bidding process resulted in a contract being awarded to Los Angeles Freightliner. The vehicle specifications were reviewed and approved by PWP Water Division staff who determined that Burbank's 10-yard dump truck would suit the needs of PWP. PWP staff contacted Los Angeles Freightliner and they have extended Burbank's bid price to the City of Pasadena (City). Staff also consulted Public Works Fleet Management Section on the expected cost savings to PWP by piggybacking on Burbank's bid, which is approximately \$10,000.

The new dump truck will be delivered and equipped as detailed in the City of Burbank's Specification No. 2090 10/11. Benefits to PWP include the capability of hauling a larger amount (10 yards) of debris in one trip (currently PWP is able to haul only 6 yards); reducing the amount of trips to the dump during the installation or repair of mainline water pipe. Also, having the new dump truck will decrease the need to use an outside hauling contractor. It will be equipped with a compressed natural gas ("CNG") engine and a 10-yard dump body and will be in full compliance with all South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD") rules and regulation for heavy duty vehicle engine emissions and clean air standards in the South Coast basin. The new dump truck will also have the capability of towing the emergency generator expected to be purchased in FY 2015, and can be of service during other emergency-related events.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

By providing PWP crews with the vehicles needed to perform their duties, the proposed purchase is consistent with the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan and supports the City Council's Strategic Goal to effectively manage and improve infrastructure to deliver reliable water and power services.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The proposed purchase order has been determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The purchase of the 10-yard dump truck would have no effect on the construction projects undertaken by PWP. Rather, the vehicle would be used in combination with PWP's existing fleet to undertake improvement and maintenance activities that would otherwise be undertaken by the City with the existing vehicle fleet. The purchase and operation of the 10-yard dump truck serves the same purpose as the existing PWP vehicles.

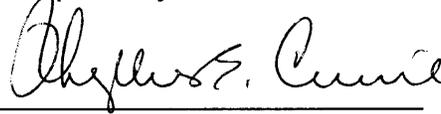
The proposed purchase of a 10 yard dump truck would have no adverse impact on the environment. Conversely, by providing a dump truck with a capacity of 10 yards that would be used for the same purposes as the City's current 6 yard dump trucks, the proposed purchase has the potential to reduce the number of haul trips and the air pollutant emissions and noise that such trips generate. Furthermore, the purchase complies with SCAQMD rule 1196, which requires all government agencies to purchase

clean heavy-duty dedicated gasoline or alternative-fueled vehicles to reduce air toxic and pollutant emissions. This vehicle also meets the requirements of Federal Emission Standard rule 13 CCR 1951.1, issued by California Air Resources Board executive order A-010-11783-1, signed on February 28, 2012.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The maximum cost of this action is \$188,420. Funding for this action will be addressed by utilizing existing budgeted appropriations in the Water Fund (402) in account 8505-412-883000-0673. It is anticipated that the entire \$188,420 will be spent during fiscal year 2014. The anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action will be none.

Respectfully submitted,



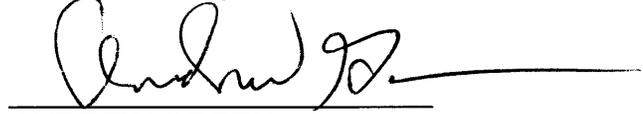
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