

Agenda Report

May 12, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Water and Power Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH FRONTIER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE SUPER DUTY CREW CAB WITH A CUSTOM FLATBED TRUCK BODY FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities);
2. Authorize a purchase order with Frontier Ford in an amount not to exceed \$85,796 for the purchase of one Super duty crew cab with a custom flatbed truck as provided for in Specifications LD-13-10.

BACKGROUND:

The Water and Power Department ("PWP") Underground Construction Division performs routine and emergency operations, maintenance and construction of the City's underground electrical distribution system, including splicing cable. The underground cable splicers require specialized vehicles that carry work tools, material and equipment that are essential for their work.

PWP received approval in its fiscal year 2014 operating budget to replace one splicer van and purchase an additional splicer van. Staff has since determined that the second splicer van is not needed at this time, and the funds would be better used for a new truck to replace vehicle 224, a heavy duty crew truck. Vehicle 224 is 17 years old, has been driven almost 100,000 miles, has accrued approximately \$100,000 in costs, and currently requires a \$10,000 engine replacement, and will continue to require costly repairs that will keep it out of service for extended periods. It would be prudent to declare it surplus, dispose of it in accordance with City policy, and replace it with a more reliable vehicle.

The new vehicle uses unleaded fuel and complies with all South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD") rules and regulations for heavy duty vehicle engine emissions and clean air standards in the South Coast Basin.

In August 2013, the City undertook a competitive bidding process for the purchase of super duty crew cabs with custom flatbed truck bodies, and on February 3, 2014, City Council approved a purchase order contract with Frontier Ford, located in Santa Clara, California, for the purchase of two of these vehicles for PWP's Overhead Construction group. The Specification allows for the purchase of additional vehicles, and Frontier Ford has agreed to furnish another vehicle with the same pricing. Staff recommends that City Council approve another purchase order contract with Frontier Ford in an amount not to exceed \$85,796 for the purchase of one additional super duty crew cab with a custom flatbed body to replace vehicle 224. The truck will come equipped with all cabinets, drawers, storage bins, shelves and mounting devices needed to carry all the tools and equipment used by the cable slicers. The vehicle will be delivered within six months.

The proposed contract complies with the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance P.M.C.4.08 and the rules and regulations promulgated there under.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

By providing PWP crews with the vehicle needed to perform their duties, the proposed contract is consistent with the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan and supports the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities infrastructure and to implement capital improvements that will maintain and rehabilitate infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which exempts actions such as maintenance, repair and operations relating to existing facilities, mechanical equipment or structures where there is negligible or no expansion of the use. The purchase of a replacement vehicle that has the same purpose as the vehicle being replaced has been determined to be exempt from CEQA per this categorical exemption.

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 1956.1 issued by California Air Resources Board executive order A-010-11783-1 signed February 28, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The maximum cost of this action is \$85,796. Funding for this action will be addressed by utilizing existing funds in the Water and Power Department's Transportation Equipment account 8505-411-843220-0392, which were appropriated for this purpose. Indirect costs for contract preparation and delivery arrangements are expected to be minimal, and will be covered under normal cost of labor.

Maintenance, repair and fuel costs are anticipated to be approximately \$40,000 over the life span of the vehicle. Sufficient funds will be requested annually in operating budget accounts 8616-401-843220 for maintenance and 8618-401-843220 for fuel. The vehicle will be under warranty for five years, and no maintenance expenses would be expected during that time except for oil changes and possibly tire replacements.

The following table summarizes the total fiscal impact in fiscal year 2015. Although the vehicle will be delivered and paid for in fiscal year 2015, the funds will be accrued in fiscal year 2014.

	2015 Expenditures
Base Contract Amount	\$85,796
Contingency	0
Not to Exceed Amount	\$85,796
TOTAL MAXIMUM FISCAL IMPACT	\$85,796

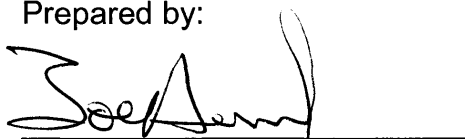
Funds were appropriated in the current year's budget for the purpose of acquiring two vehicles for the Underground Construction group. The purchase of one splicer van has previously been approved by City Council. The remaining budgeted funds are available for acquisition of this truck.

Respectfully submitted,



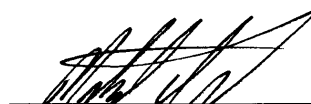
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