

# Agenda Report

November 17, 2025

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Water and Power Department

SUBJECT: REJECT ALL BIDS FOR AS-NEEDED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER

INSTALLATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) (projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 2. Reject all bids received by August 7, 2025, in response to the Invitation for Bids for As-Needed Electric Vehicle ("EV") Charger Installations and Construction.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On July 10, 2025, a notice inviting bids for the Specification to provide as-needed EV charger installation and EV charger station construction was advertised on OpenGov. The notice was automatically distributed to all vendors registered with the City under the applicable commodity codes for related services. A total of 12 vendors downloaded the Specifications, none of which were local. A total of six bids were received by the bid due date of August 7, 2025, with no bids received from local firms.

After unsealing the bids, a formal protest letter was received from one of the bidders. The Department of Finance reviewed the protest and ultimately advised to reject all bids and publish a new solicitation.

In the interest of maintaining fairness, transparency, and public trust in the City's procurement processes, and in following the Department of Finance's advice, it is best that all bids received for the As-Needed EV Charger Installation and EV Charger Station Construction solicitation be formally rejected. Upon rejection of the subject bids, Pasadena Water and Power will promptly issue a new bid solicitation.

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## **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

Rejecting all bids supports the City Council's goal to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines is exempt from CEQA "projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves." The rejection of bids for As-Needed EV Charger Installation and EV Charger Construction is exempt from CEQA per these Sections.

# **FISCAL IMPACT**:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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