

# Agenda Report

**To:** CITY COUNCIL                      **DATE:** March 23, 1998  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** Purchase of One Polecat Digger Derrick

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order contract to Truck Hydraulic Equipment Co., Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$174,834, for the purchase of a POLECAT® Digger Derrick.

## BACKGROUND

The Digger Derrick is a multifunctional apparatus mounted on a two-axle vehicle that is used in the construction and maintenance of the overhead power distribution system. It is used to install power poles by drilling the holes and placing them into position. The Digger Derrick is also used to remove old or damaged poles. In addition to its installation capabilities, the Digger Derrick is used to maintain power cables, power pole cross arms and transformers by employing a 47ft. aerial man-lift.

The Department of Water and Power currently maintains a Digger Derrick that has been in operation for fourteen (14) years. Operating this aging piece of equipment has increased concerns related to health and safety issues. In addition, the apparatus has become costly to maintain and is subject to increasing downtime for repairs. The purchase of a new Digger Derrick is essential to effective, efficient and safe operations.

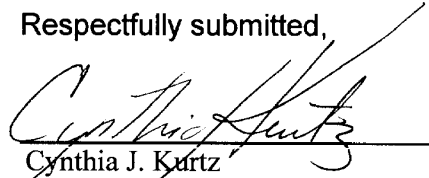
On January 9, 1998, a Notice Inviting Bids was published in *The Pasadena Weekly*. Specifications were also sent to three (3) vendors on the Purchasing Division's vendor list. Only one response was received and opened in the City Clerk's office on January 27, 1998.

The sole bid, submitted by Truck Hydraulic Equipment Co., in the amount of \$174,834 was responsive to the requirements of the specifications.

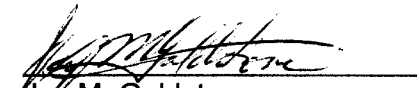
FISCAL IMPACT

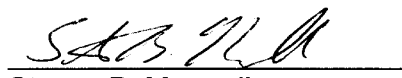
This equipment is a budgeted replacement and sufficient funds are available in account #1903-401

Respectfully submitted,

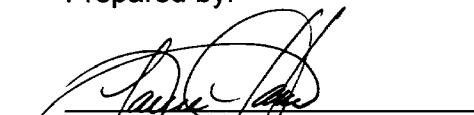
  
Cynthia J. Kurtz  
Acting City Manager

Approved by:

  
Jay M. Goldstone  
Director of Finance

  
Steven B. Mermell  
Purchasing Administrator

Prepared by:

  
Lawrence Hammond  
Management Analyst