



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM NO. E.5
02/13/2024

SUBJECT: Purchase one Vac-Con Hydro Excavator truck, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any necessary associated documents in an amount not to exceed \$662,500.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

STAFF: Casey Wichert, Director of Public Works
Scott Dempsey, Fleet/Facilities Maintenance Manager

TITLE/RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the purchase of one Vac-Con Hydro Excavator truck from Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc., in Sacramento, CA; and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute any necessary associated documents in an amount not to exceed \$662,500.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the Vac-Con Hydro Excavator purchase with Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc., is a not to exceed amount of \$662,500, which is included in the 2023/24 Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND

The Water Division is requesting the purchase of a Vac-Con 11-yard hydro excavator vacuum truck, which is an essential piece of equipment used in the maintenance and repair of underground water distribution systems. Hydro excavation trucks provide a safer, more efficient alternative to hand or mechanical (backhoe) digging. Hydro excavators provide an improved response time and a non-destructive solution for excavating and locating underground utilities. Water main repairs create risk of microbial contamination when pipes and fittings have potential to come in contact with soils and water in an excavation trench. Hydro excavation allows for the complete diversion of soil and water away from repair area and allows minimum water pressure to remain in distribution system, decreasing the chances of contamination. Adding this vehicle will ensure the Water Division has the proper equipment needed during excavations of water distribution main lines, many of which are 4' – 8' deep, to increase operational efficiencies and safe work practices and decrease the potential for contamination, as well as the duration of water system interruptions to City residents and customers caused by main breaks.



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Per Purchasing Policy No. 10-7, the City will utilize a cooperative purchasing agreement to purchase the Vac-Con truck, a Sourcewell agreement with Vac-Con, Contract No. 101221-VAC. Sourcewell offers a wide variety of commodities, non-IT services and information technology products and services, where participating vendors submit pricing based on bulk government sales. Staff reviewed similar product prices and found Sourcewell prices are fair and reasonable. Staff requests the approval to purchase the Vac-Con Hydro Excavator truck from Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc., the authorized Vac-Con dealer for Northern California.

This purchase of this truck complies with Purchasing Policy 10-7 and the Use of Vehicles and Related Equipment Policy 10-9.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Not Applicable.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Previous Action by the City Council is included on Attachment 1.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S)

1. Do not approve staff's recommendation.
2. Modify staff's recommendation based on legally defensible findings.
3. Continue the item with direction for staff to return with additional information.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Action
2. Resolution
3. Quote