



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 29, 2010

TO: Mayor and Council members

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Approve Equipment Standardization For The Water Resources Division

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council find it to be in the City's best interest to approve equipment standardization for the Water Resources Division (Water Resources) for the next five-year period, in accordance with Section 4.52.080 (k) of the Municipal Code.

DISCUSSION:

Water Resources operates a number of complex facilities. These include treatment plants, reservoirs, pump stations, lift stations, and related appurtenances. It is in the City's best interest for Water Resources to standardize on equipment commonly used support and maintain these facilities. Doing so will minimize the need to train staff on the installation, maintenance, and use of a wide variety of equipment. It will also reduce the need to stock an array of specialized tools, and will minimize parts inventories necessary for equipment maintenance. Standardizing equipment would also provide better response time with making repairs and responding to emergencies, resulting in improved performance and reliability of the City's Water Resources facilities.

Section 4.52.080 (k) of the Municipal Code authorizes Council to purchase supplies, equipment and services without complying with the formal bid procedure, when it is found to be in the best interests of the City. Staff recommends that Council approve the attached list of equipment as standard for Water Resources for a period of five years.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Water Resources expenditures on the equipment listed on the attachment shall not exceed amounts Council has approved in the budget. Standardizing on commonly used equipment should reduce costs by reducing inventories, training of staff, and the need for specialized tools to work on a wide variety of equipment.

At their meeting on June 14, 2010, the Board of Water Commissioners voted **XIX** to concur with staff's recommendation.

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ATTACHMENT: Water Resources Equipment List

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