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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

### Item 7

**AGENDA DATE:** September 9, 2014

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Approval Of Emergency Purchase Orders For Groundwater Wells

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Approve an Emergency Purchase Order with Hose Solutions Incorporated in the amount of \$44,089.40; and
- B. Approve an Emergency Purchase Order with A & A Pump & Well Service in the amount of \$27,462.34.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Santa Barbara is experiencing a severe and prolonged drought. It is essential that the City uses groundwater supplies to augment dwindling surface water supplies to best manage the City's overall water supplies. The City has nine groundwater wells and the Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant which treats the water for the City's three downtown wells, two of which recently experienced mechanical failures. The two wells are the City Hall Well, located in the parking lot of City Hall, and the Vera Cruz Well, located on Cota Street, between Anacapa and Santa Barbara Streets.

To expedite repairs, two Emergency Purchase Orders were issued to purchase the necessary equipment and materials to repair both the City Hall and Vera Cruz Wells. One Emergency Purchase Order, in the amount of \$44,089.40, was issued to Hose Solutions Incorporated, for Boreline and related equipment to replace the rigid column pipe used to pump water out of the wells at both City Hall and Vera Cruz Wells. Once Boreline is installed, Water Resources staff will be able to perform future maintenance activities without a crane, thus minimizing downtime associated with scheduling work with a private contractor.

A second Emergency Purchase Order Service in the amount of \$27,462.34 was issued to A & A Pump & Well, for the purchase of two Hitachi submersible deep well motors; one was a 50 horsepower motor for the City Hall Well, and the other was a 60 horsepower motor for the Vera Cruz Well. Included in this purchase order was the related equipment necessary for the installation and operation of both motors.

Staff is recommending that Council retroactively approve Emergency Purchase Orders Nos. 31500364 and 31500368, which were issued by the General Services Manager on July 24, 2014.

Two separate well drilling companies are currently under contract to make the repairs to Vera Cruz and City Hall Wells. Repairs to Vera Cruz Well are anticipated to be complete by the end of August 2014. Repairs to City Hall Well will take longer, as the well also needs to be video-inspected and cleaned. Findings from the inspection will determine if any additional work needs to be performed on the well.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There are sufficient funds in the Water Fund to cover the cost of the two Emergency Purchase Orders.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office