



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Single Engine Combination Jet/Vacuum Sewer Cleaner

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Kelly Allen, Public Works Director

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

1. Award a contract for a Combination Jet/Vacuum Sewer Cleaner in the amount of \$846,937.33, utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract #101221-VAC; and
2. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute all applicable contract documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

- Financially Sound City Providing Effective Services

DISCUSSION

The City is a member of Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing agency, that facilitates the competitive bidding process to solicit, evaluate, and award contracts for materials supplies, and installation services. Sourcewell conducted a competitive bidding process for sewer cleaning, hydro-excavation, industrial vacuum equipment, for purchase, and awarded to Vac-Con, Inc. with contract #101221-VAC.

After further review, staff have determined that the Sourcewell bidding process is consistent with the cities procurement policy; Section E.9(G), *Exceptions to Competitive Procurement* (Cooperative Purchase Contracts), of the City's Procurement Policy states that: When in the best interests of the City, the Purchasing Agent is authorized to join with other public jurisdictions in Cooperative Purchasing Contracts; buy directly from a vendor at a price established by competitive bidding by another public jurisdiction in substantial compliance with these Procurement Policies, even if the City has not joined with that public agency in a formal contract; and, purchase from the United States of America, any state, municipality or other public corporation, or agency, without following

a competitive procurement process. Similarly, the Purchasing Agent is authorized to join with other public jurisdictions or non-governmental organizations in Public Works projects that have been competitively bid pursuant to the Eureka Municipal Code, this policy, or the Public Contract Code.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

The proposed action, which is to authorize the purchase of equipment through an existing Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract, does not constitute a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Under CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (b)(2), continuing administrative or maintenance activities, including purchases for supplies, are not considered projects. Section 15378(b)(5) also excludes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Because this action involves only the administrative purchase of equipment and does not authorize, approve, or commit the City to any physical improvements or activities that could cause a direct or indirect physical environmental change, it is not a project under CEQA. Accordingly, no further environmental review is required.

Current Equipment Age and Function:

- Sewer Treatment currently has a **1992 Vac-Con Diesel on a Ford chassis**. It is well past its end of life and can only be used on site. It is not road worthy.
- Sewer Collections continues to use and operate **a 2008 Vac-Con on an International chassis**. The Streets Dept. has also been using this unit to help clear storm drains and clean DI's. The plan for this unit is to continue using it in the Streets Dept. and have it available for use at the Wastewater Treatment plant when needed. Streets mostly needs this when dealing with storms and when doing preemptive maintenance on the cross-culverts. It is not an everyday tool.
- Water Distribution is currently using a **2011 Vac-Con on an International chassis**. This is their primary machine they use for excavations. This will be the next one to be budgeted and replaced or passed down. It is the most heavily used unit.
- Sewer Collections is currently using a **2019 Vac-Con on a Peterbilt chassis**. They use this for excavation, lift station cleaning, and backup hydro work. This is also used by Water Distribution when theirs is in the shop. This unit is a the primary unit for mutual aid contracts we have with surrounding districts and Cities.

This new unit would allow for the 1992 vac-con to be removed from operation.

During the systemwide collection system evaluation required under the consent decree, staff identified locations where hydro-cleaning capabilities are necessary. The proposed equipment provides this functionality and supports compliance with these system maintenance requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend awarding a contract for the purchase of one Combination Jet/Vacuum Sewer Cleaner in the amount of **\$846,937.33**, utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract **#101221-VAC**, and authorizing the Public Works Director to execute all applicable contract documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Municipal Maintenance Equipment purchase order, including cost breakdown and Sourcewell contract documentation.