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RESOLUTION 23-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY'S AMI PROJECT AND FINDING THIS ACTION EXEMPT FROM REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, STATE GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15060 AND 15378

WHEREAS, the City provides water and wastewater service for nearly all homes, businesses, and institutions in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City currently uses a third-party vendor to read customer's water meters. The contract meter reader's staff manually reads meters each month by visiting all meter locations throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the level of service provided by the City's third-party vendor for meter reading has recently declined and significant delays have occurred in meter readings for consecutive months; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program in the City's adopted budget includes a project to retrofit existing water meters to advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) beginning in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City has evaluated AMI alternatives that are compatible with the City's existing water meters, has piloted a cellular AMI solution provided by Badger Meter Company (Badger); has standardized on meters manufactured by Badger for all water meters two inches and smaller; has authorized sole source procurement of AMI equipment and services from Badger Meter Company for the City's AMI conversion project; and has adopted Engineering Standards for AMI meters which include AMI-compatible meter box lids; and

WHEREAS, authorizing purchase of AMI equipment will allow manufacturing and delivery of the equipment in advance of the planned installation in mid-2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City finds that this action authorizing the purchase of AMI registers, radio endpoints, and AMI compatible lids from Badger Meter Company for the City's AMI project is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378, because it can be seen with certainty the activity will not result in a physical change in the environment.

<u>Section 3.</u> The City Council authorizes the purchase of AMI registers, radio endpoints, and AMI compatible lids from Badger Meter Company for the City's AMI project with a total estimated cost of \$3,143,521.00.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect on the date it is approved by the City Council.

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APPROVED this 5th day of December 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

John R. Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Boyer, City Clerk