

# Attachment 1

## RESOLUTION 24-XXX

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO UP TO 5 ON-CALL WATER SYSTEM REPAIR  
CONTRACTS OF \$60,000 OR LESS, FOLLOWING AN INFORMAL BIDDING PROCESS IN AN AMOUNT  
NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 AND FINDING THIS ACTION EXEMPT FROM REVIEW UNDER THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, STATE GUIDELINES  
SECTIONS 15060, 15378, AND 15302**

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles Water Division is responsible for operating, maintaining, and repairing water production, treatment, and distribution infrastructure including approximately 172 miles of water mains and related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Water Division responds to leaks and conducts routine and emergency repair work on buried water mains, services, and fire hydrants, and this work often requires the use of heavy construction equipment for excavation, materials transport, and installation; and

WHEREAS, a continued shortage of experienced staff capable of repairing large leaks, main breaks, valve and hydrant replacements and similar heavy utility repair work has resulted in a significant backlog; and,

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for repair and replacement of water system infrastructure, and delays in conducting repairs and maintenance can affect firefighting capability, increase the duration of water service interruptions, and can increase overall repair costs and property damage; and

WHEREAS, authorization of contracts with multiple on-call contractors is recommended to allow the Water Division to properly maintain the water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, staff have contacted local contractors specializing in construction of underground utilities that would be able to assist in clearing the work backlog and respond to emergencies, and multiple local contractors have expressed willingness to enter on-call contracts with the City for water system repairs.

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

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

Section 2. The City finds that this action authorizing on-call repair contracts 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 that the authorization to enter into individual contracts for potential on-call services for water repair work with a total not-too-exceed of \$300,000 will not result in a physical change in the environment. If this action is found to be a project under CEQA, the City finds that this action is also exempt pursuant to Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction. The activities to be undertaken pursuant to these contracts will be the repair of existing infrastructure and will not result in new or an expansion of services.

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Section 3. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute up to five total, individual contracts in the amount of \$60,000 or less per contract, following an informal bidding process, with multiple underground utility contractors for routine and emergency water system repair work, using a standard contract template for on-call repair work, the template for which is included as part of this item, with the total cost of all individual contracts for on-call repair contracts not to exceed \$300,000, subject to any minor, technical, or non-substantive changes to that contract template, as approved by the City Manager and City Attorney. Multiple contracts may be awarded to the same contractor, following an informal bidding process, but the value of the tasks completed under each contract will be below \$60,000.

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

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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John R. Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Boyer, City Clerk