



Council Agenda Report

From: Dwayne Brown, Maintenance Services Superintendent

Subject: Approval of the Purchase of a Compact Track Loader for the Water Division

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15061, subd. (b)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: September 17, 2024

Facts

1. The City has a vast fleet of rolling stock, including a variety of vehicles and equipment, from fire engines and police cruisers to road graders and turf mowers.
2. New vehicle equipment purchases (additions to the fleet) are required to ensure that each department has the appropriate vehicles and equipment necessary to satisfy changing departmental needs.
3. The Water Division works in a variety of locations including well sites, easements and streets. Work is frequently performed on steep slopes as well as the Salinas riverbed where non-tracked vehicles struggle with the terrain. The division has one existing track loader, however the demand for its use has increased over time and staff must frequently transport the existing track loader to multiple sites, reducing efficiency. To compensate for this staff has used a backhoe for this additional work but this is problematic in steep and slippery terrain and compromises safety.
4. As part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Fleet Replacement Budget, the City Council authorized the purchase of an additional John Deere 333P Compact Track Loader for the Water Division. As the purchase price for this equipment is over \$100,000, the City's Purchasing Policy requires City Council approval prior to purchase.
5. Prices are compiled using the State bid list and governmental agency cooperative bidding to achieve the lowest possible pricing.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Approve Resolution 24-XXX authorizing the City Manager to purchase vehicles as presented and find the action exempt from CEQA; or
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

Prior to requesting additional equipment, existing inventory is examined to determine if there is existing equipment that can satisfy the intended use. Staff primarily uses this equipment for work on water well sites, the Salinas riverbed, easements, asphalt grinding and on steep slopes where utilization of a backhoe is hazardous. Many of these sites are located in challenging terrain where a tracked vehicle is necessary. As the workload for Water Division staff has increased, so has the demand for use of the existing track loader. The purchase of an additional track loader will increase efficiency and safety. This request is

coming before City Council for consideration as there is no other equipment that can be pulled from the City's fleet inventory to satisfy this need and, as required by the City's Purchasing Policy, given that the total cost of the equipment is more than \$100,000, approval also requires City Council concurrence.

Fiscal Impact

The total cost of the Compact Loader from Coastline Equipment is \$103,175.48. Funding for this expenditure has been established in the FY 2024-25 Fleet and Equipment Replacement Budget and no further action is required. Moving forward, the City will utilize its established policy which sets funds aside each year, so impacts of these types of purchases are spread out over the life of the vehicle rather than in the year purchased.

CEQA

The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15061, subd. (b)(2)-(3), 15378 as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Recommendation (Option 2)

Approve Resolution 24-XXX, authorizing the City Manager to purchase one additional Compact Track Loader for the Water Division as part of the City's FY 2024/25 Fleet Replacement Program.

Attachments

1. Resolution 24-XXX – Authorizing Purchase of One Track Loader
2. Coastline Equipment Quote for John Deere Compact Loader