

Council Meeting of  
June 26, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: General Services and Public Works – Authorize purchase order to furnish Neptune brand water meters, registers, and parts.**

**Expenditure: Not to exceed \$250,000**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Public Works Director that City Council authorize a sole-source purchase order to Equarius Waterworks of Torrance, CA in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to furnish Neptune brand water meters, registers, and parts on an as requested basis during the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2012-2013 Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

During the past several years, the City of Torrance has been converting its water meter reading system from a manual system to a fully automated radio-based automated meter reading (AMR) system. AMR dramatically speeds up the meter reading process and improves data accuracy. In 2006 City Council authorized conversion to this new AMR system. Accordingly, all new water meters installed in the City must include AMR capability. The City has standardized to Neptune Technology Group Inc. water meters and registers to fulfill this requirement.

Equarius Waterworks is the only authorized distributor in the State of California for Neptune meter reading equipment, water meters and parts.

This purchase falls within the Sole-Source Purchase Exception of TMC § 22.3.17 (b), which states:

“For purposes of this Section, “sole-source purchases” means those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City.

No sole-source purchases may be made where to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but may be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public.”

Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW  
General Services Director

ROBERT J. BESTE  
Public Works Director

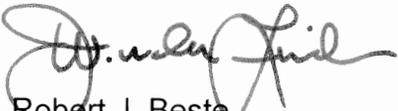


By Jeffery Cryderman  
Acting Fleet Services Manager

CONCUR:



Sheryl Ballew  
General Services Director



For

Robert J. Beste  
Public Works Director



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager