

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

From: **MARY DIETRICH / BILL ZIMMERMAN**

Subject: **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION PIPELINE INSPECTION VAN PURCHASE**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the purchase of a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) pipeline inspection van in an amount not to exceed \$242,640 funded through sewer user fees at no net County cost.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the resultant Purchase Order and related documents.

BACKGROUND: The FY 2013-14 Environmental Utilities Budget includes \$300,000 for the purchase of a CCTV pipeline inspection van. This is a customized vehicle containing truck-mounted equipment, including a work/control station, monitors, motorized video cameras, hoses, cables, and other related equipment. In addition to aiding in the response to sewer pipeline blockages, the new inspection van will be used to collect condition assessment data on the 285 miles of sewer pipeline maintained by staff as part of the State-mandated Sanitary Sewer Management Plan. In order to be compatible with the County's existing equipment, staff is recommending a new CCTV pipeline inspection van be purchased through Weco Industries, the local Cues distributor, a specialized manufacturer of truck-body conversions. Having equipment from one manufacturer will allow for interchangeability of components and not require equipment operators to train on different operating procedures and data formats.

After investigating various purchasing options with Procurement Services, staff determined that the most efficient and cost effective process for purchase of this van is through the Houston-Galveston Area County (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program. H-GAC is a regional council of governments operating under the laws of the State of Texas and governed by a board comprised of 35 elected officials from the 13 county regions. The H-GAC Board awards all contracts, which are made available to local governments nationwide, by virtue of a public competitive process that consistently produces very favorable governmental pricing. On January 1, 2012, the H-GAC Board awarded the purchase of sewer pipeline inspection vans, along with other sewer related equipment, as Contract SC01-12 to various vendors. Under the terms of this H-GAC contract Placer County's price for the pipeline inspection van is \$242,640. In accordance with the Purchasing Policy Manual Section 1.3 (e)(3), County policy permits contracting with a vendor that was awarded an agreement by another public agency as the result of a competitive process without further competitive bidding by Placer County.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: The purchase of a CCTV pipeline inspection van is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT: Purchase of the CCTV pipeline inspection van in the amount of \$242,640 is within the \$300,000 fixed asset amount budgeted in the FY 2013-14 Environmental Utilities budget. This purchase is funded through sewer user fees at no net County cost.

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