



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

June 17, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Gutierrez, City Manager

Submitted By: Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director

SUBJECT: RATIFY EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR REPAIRS NECESSITATED BY THE FEBRUARY 2024 STORM EVENTS; AND, APPROVE PAYMENT TO UNITED STORM WATER INC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Ratify the expenses for an emergency purchase as per Pomona Code (P.C.C.) Section 2-998 for the repairs and services performed by United Storm Water Inc., (United Storm Water); and,
- 2) Approve the payment to United Storm Water in the amount of \$120,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The recommended actions will ratify the emergency repairs, consisting of cleaning the Reservoir lift station, and the expenses to United Storm Water. Said work was needed as trash and debris was not allowing the lift stations to function properly, leading to underpass flooding.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the emergency repairs is available in the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget (101-0101-52285-00000). The recommended actions will enable payment of an amount of \$120,000 to United Storm Water for the emergency repairs at Reservoir Street and the stormwater lift stations.

DISCUSSION:

On the evening of February 20, 2024, the City experienced heavy rain throughout the evening. Due to the excessive amount of runoff, large amounts of trash and debris was deposited in the Reservoir Street lift station resulting in a pump failure and later, flooding. As was the case with Reservoir Street, White Avenue and Garey Avenue underpasses also experienced large amounts of trash, although not as bad as Reservoir Street.

To prevent further damage to the lift stations and flooding, staff requested quotes from four vendors to provide emergency services and two were received. On February 21, 2024, pursuant to the City Code Section 2-998, the Purchasing Manager authorized emergency purchase to clean the underpass pump stations for immediate health, safety and welfare of the people of the City of Pomona and to address existing City equipment, which impacts ongoing operations. Now staff is seeking ratification of the purchase as it exceeds \$50,000 and is a requirement of the City Code section 2-998.

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