



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

April 1, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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SUBJECT: APPROVE A “PIGGYBACK” OPTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON (GAC) FROM PROMINENT SYSTEMS, INC., UTILIZING A CONTRACT COMPETITIVELY BID AND AWARDED BY THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a piggyback option for the purchase of GAC removal and replacement services, as-needed, from Prominent Systems, Inc. (Prominent), utilizing a contract that was competitively bid and awarded by the City of Riverside, CA (Bid No. RPU-7623).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Water Resources Department (WRD) anticipates approximately six (6) GAC change-outs annually to remain in compliance with Federal and State regulations while operating the four (4) wells outfitted with this treatment. The recommended Council action will authorize City staff to purchase GAC removal and replacement services, as-needed, from Prominent utilizing the City of Riverside’s contract, Bid No. RPU-7623.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for GAC removal and replacement services is available within the WRD FY 2018-19 Operating budget. Expenditures are limited annually by the Department’s budgeted appropriations. On average, expenditures are \$180,000. Funding for future year contract amounts will be included in future annual budget submissions.

DISCUSSION:

The WRD currently operates four (4) potable well sites in the Chino Basin that contain levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC’s) that exceed the Maximum Contaminate Level (MCL) set by Federal and State agencies. These wells were outfitted with GAC vessels approximately one year ago; each well is equipped with two (2) vessels, “lead & lag”, totaling 8 vessels. The GAC media overtime exhausts and must be removed and replaced to continue to adsorb the VOC constituents in the water to meet water quality standards. Although this added treatment is an additional cost, it is still a more reliable and cost effective option than purchasing import water.

In order to expedite the procurement process, staff is recommending a piggyback purchase in accordance with Sec. 2-973 of the City of Pomona Purchasing Code that allows for cooperative purchasing plans that best serve the interest of the City. The Purchasing Manager is authorized to recommend a cooperative or "piggyback" purchase on an awarded contract for services or equipment entered into by other governmental agencies (municipality, county or state) through a competitive bid process, provided all products or equipment requested meet the technical specifications of the awarded bid.

The City of Riverside conducted a formal competitive bid process in November 2018 to procure a three-year contract for GAC removal and replacement services. Prominent was the successful low bidder and was awarded the contract. After a thorough review of the City of Riverside bid requirements and contract, staff determined that the bid process and documents met or exceeded the City's standards in outlining the technical requirements and specifications. In addition, other local agencies utilizing Prominent affirmed satisfaction with the water quality lab analyses services provided. City staff has also been satisfied with the quality of service provided by Prominent under prior contracts with the City.

The Prominent agreement for GAC removal and replacement services is in effect from December 18, 2018 through December 31, 2021. Working under a contract will allow for immediate purchases of GAC removal and replacement allowing the WRD to operate the system as designed at maximum efficiency, meet the local regulations set forth by the Environmental Protective Agency and avoid the costly purchase of imported water.

ALTERNATIVE:

The City Council could choose to not approve the agreement. City Council could direct staff to conduct a formal bid and not piggyback on the City of Riverside's agreement with Prominent.

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