STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: November 18, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Water Utilities Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $143,163.24 TO R&B AUTOMATION TO REPLACE THE EXISTING STEEL PIPING IN THE FILTER SURFACE WASH SYSTEM AT THE WEESE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH PVC PIPING**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a purchase order in the amount of $143,163.24 to R&B Automation of Temecula to replace the existing steel piping in the filter surface wash system at the Weese Water Treatment Plant with poly-vinyl-chloride (PVC) piping, and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to execute the purchase order.

BACKGROUND

The filter surface wash system is used to clean the filters that are part of the water treatment process. The surface wash system currently has steel piping which is subject to corrosion. Numerous repairs and valve replacements have been done over the years to maintain the corroded steel pipes. The filter surface wash system is very close to failing and staff has determined that the steel pipes need to be replaced with non-corrosive PVC pipes.

ANALYSIS

Staff requested bids to replace the steel piping with PVC piping from three vendors. R&B Automation of Temecula was the lowest bidder at $143,163.24. The other two bids were Ferguson Waterworks of Poway at $145,696.11 and Caltrol of Pleasanton at $149,154.63.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Weese Water Treatment Plant Minor Improvements project fund (908544400712.5704) has a current available balance of $263,569 in FY 2008-09 carry forward. Therefore, sufficient funds are available.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Chapter 28A of the Oceanside City Code requires purchases of supplies, services and equipment of estimated value greater than $25,000 to be procured by competitive written bid, with the contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. "Responsible bidder" is defined at Section 28A.1(d) of the Code as a bidder who submits a responsive bid and who is not only financially responsible but is possessed of the resources, judgment, skill, ability, capacity and integrity necessary to perform the contract according to its terms. The City Council also has discretion for good cause, to reject all bids and readvertise.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a purchase order in the amount of $143,163.24 to R&B Automation of Temecula to replace the existing steel piping for the filter surface wash system at the Weese Water Treatment Plant with PVC piping, and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to execute the purchase order.

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