

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 9 CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: November 20, 2013
TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Water Utilities Department
SUBJECT: **RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIR AT GUAJOME RESERVOIR**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council ratify the emergency repairs completed by C.E. Wilson Corporation of Spring Valley, CA at the Guajome Reservoir and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to pay an invoice in the amount of \$62,016 for the repairs.

BACKGROUND

One of the two Guajome water storage reservoirs located at 1398 Temple Heights Road holds approximately five million gallons of potable water for the City water distribution system. A leak was detected in the main 24" diameter pipe that feeds the reservoir on August 15, 2013. The Department was able to locate the general area of the leak and determined that assistance from a specialized utility contractor would be needed to complete the repairs.

The 24" pipe is located on the reservoir property; is approximately 15' deep and is adjacent to the reservoir exterior block wall. Large excavation and shoring equipment and removal of the block was required to safely complete the necessary repairs. Under typical conditions, a repair to a minor pipeline leak can be scheduled and repaired by City staff or for larger more complex repairs, a bid is called for following the Public Contracting Code.

In this instance however, the repair needed to commence immediately since both the pipeline and the reservoir are key components of the water system and are heavily relied on to provide adequate storage capacity for firefighting and water use during the summer months.

ANALYSIS

City crews were not able to perform work of this complexity and therefore, staff contacted three local construction companies to inquire into their availability to do the work. Two companies, Draves Pipeline and Vadnais Corporation, did not have available equipment and/or crews to conduct the work. C.E. Wilson, a local licensed utility contractor, was able to begin the work immediately.

Pursuant to City Code 28A.24(a)(3), C.E. Wilson conducted the emergency repair.

Council was advised of this emergency via a pass-through memo dated August 15, 2013, and an oral report at the August 21, 2013, Council meeting. Work has now been completed satisfactorily and staff is seeking authorization to pay the contractor.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Reservoir Structural Analysis and Rehab CIP (908754600712.5702.10600) account has \$250,000 of available budget. This repair cost \$62,000; therefore, there is sufficient budget to pay for the repair.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Utilities Commission received an oral report on the leak and subsequent repair at their meeting of September 10, 2013.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Purchases should comply with Chapter 28A of the City Code.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements have been met.

RECOMMENDATIONS

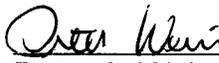
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