

# STAFF REPORT



# ITEM NO. 8 CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: November 5, 2014  
TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
FROM: Water Utilities Department  
SUBJECT: **RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS DUE TO A WATER MAIN BREAK AT EL CAMINO REAL AND MESA DRIVE**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council ratify the emergency water main repairs at El Camino Real and Mesa Drive completed by S.C. Valley Engineering, Inc., of El Cajon, Joe's Paving of Valley Center, and CW Doherty Concrete of Oceanside; and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to pay invoices in a total amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the repairs.

## **BACKGROUND**

The repairs on El Camino Real and Mesa Drive were due to a leak on a 6" drain valve attached to a 30" water main, on October 15, 2014. The leak caused the closure of the northbound lanes of El Camino Real by creating a large sinkhole. The sinkhole also caused damage to telephone, cable and other utilities as well as undermined a 60" corrugated metal storm drain pipe which crossed the water line. The repairs to the water main and other utilities were made and a paving contractor brought in to finish repairs to the road.

## **ANALYSIS**

City Water Department crews were not able to perform the pipeline repairs due to the depth of the pipe, size of the sinkhole, and the specialty safety shoring equipment required to safely perform the repairs. Staff contacted several construction companies to inquire into their availability to do the work. S.C. Valley Engineering, Inc., a local licensed construction contractor who is performing work on the Myers/Tait sewer line replacement project, was able to pull off of that job and begin the work immediately.

Pursuant to City Code 28A.24(a)(3), S.C. Valley Engineering, Inc. conducted the emergency repairs to allow the road to safely reopen. Concrete work was performed by CW Doherty Concrete, and paving was completed by Joe's Paving.

Because these repairs were conducted under emergency conditions, and because all three contractors have already performed work in excess of the \$50,000 in the past year, Council approval to pay for this work is required.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Water Maintenance (750756711.5320) account has \$115,000 of available budget and the Misc. Water (750771712.5325) account has \$350,000 of available budget. The total cost of the repairs was not to exceed \$125,000; therefore, there is sufficient budget to pay for the repair. The Water Maintenance operating account is funded from Water Sales (1711.4471.0001). Water Sales and Water Meter Charges for service in the Water Fixed Asset Replacement accounts 712.4471.0001 and 712.4471.0003 respectively, are the funding sources for the Misc. Water Projects account.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Utilities Commission received an oral report on the leak and subsequent repair at its meeting on October 21, 2014.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

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

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The City's standard insurance requirements have been met.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the City Council ratify the emergency water main repairs at El Camino Real and Mesa Drive completed by S.C. Valley Engineering, Inc., of El Cajon, Joe's Paving of Valley Center, and CW Doherty Concrete of Oceanside; and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to pay invoices in a total amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the repairs.

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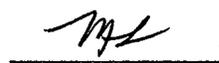
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