



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 31, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Emergency Purchase Orders For Tierra Contracting, Inc., And Lash Construction For Sewer Main Repair

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve after-the-fact Emergency Purchase Orders to Tierra Contracting, Inc., for multiple emergency repairs made to damaged public sewer mains, in an amount of \$55,000; and to Lash Construction for various emergency repairs to damaged public sewer mains in an amount of \$35,000.

DISCUSSION:

On December 15, 2011, the contractor working on the City's Sewer Main Rehabilitation Capital Improvement Project (CIP Project) identified a number of sewer main segments with structural damage. These sewer main segments were among the mains that had been identified for pipe rehabilitation using a method of rehabilitation called slip-lining, in which a new pipe is pulled through the existing pipe. The damaged pipe sections could not be slip-lined without first repairing the damaged sections. The extent of damage and condition of the mains was sufficiently poor that staff did not want to remove them from the current CIP Project but they needed to be repaired before they could be slip-lined. Therefore, staff contracted with Tierra Contracting, Inc. and Lash Construction to perform the repairs.

These two contractors were selected because they are the only local providers that have the ability to respond in a timely manner to this situation. Each of these contractors has a proven record with the City of Santa Barbara of being able to respond quickly and effectively to these types of repairs.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The Wastewater Fund capital budget includes funds for repair and improvement to existing facilities. The purchase orders were issued using these funds.

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