



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 4, 2014

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Authorization Of Emergency Underground Recycled Water Line Break Repair

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve Emergency Purchase Order No. 78006 with Lash Construction in the total amount of \$31,117.87 for the emergency repair of the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant Underground Recycled Water Pipeline.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On Friday, December 8, 2013, at approximately 9:00 p.m., an 18-inch diameter recycled water pipeline break occurred at the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant. The break occurred under a section of road within the treatment plant, which damaged the road including sub-grade, asphalt and cross-gutter areas.

City staff took the pump station offline and isolated the broken pipeline within twenty minutes. Lash Construction was called on an emergency basis to repair the pipeline. Damage to the area included the rupture of the pipeline, the soil sub-grade around the line, base material under the roadway, and asphalt roadway. Sections of existing curb, gutter, and sidewalk also had to be removed to properly access the pipeline for repairs, since it was approximately eight feet deep, and other utility lines were above the ruptured line. The emergency repair work was completed within seven days. This Emergency Purchase Order repaired both the recycled water line and a critical access road within the wastewater treatment plant. Council was notified at the time of the emergency repairs were made and further informed that Staff would be seeking authorization for payment once the final costs were received.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Wastewater Capital Fund to cover these emergency repair costs.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Rebecca Bjork, Acting Public Works Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office