



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 6, 2008
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Authorize The Purchase Of Dell Computer Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process, as authorized by Municipal Code 4.52.080 (k), and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a purchase order with Dell Computers, Inc. (Dell), in an amount not to exceed \$39,000, to purchase computer hardware equipment for use in the Wastewater Lift Station Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Computer and Communications Upgrade Project.

DISCUSSION:

This purchase order will provide equipment to communicate between ten remote wastewater lift stations and the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant (El Estero). It will also provide a replacement SCADA server and upgrade monitors for operational display of the wastewater system.

Dell computers are the current hardware standard used by the City and have been exclusively used since 2003. Dell is the sole provider of this equipment that is compatible with existing City and SCADA equipment. They offer excellent reliability and technical support including warranty parts and services.

City staff and contractors working with the City's SCADA system are familiar with Dell computer equipment and installation which saves labor and costs.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

This purchase was planned for this fiscal year. Adequate funds are available in the Wastewater Capital Program.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Potential savings on labor and fuel by minimizing onsite lift station inspections. This project will provide remote monitoring of Wastewater Systems thus reducing the number of required onsite inspections, resulting in less traffic.

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