



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

November 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: David Sprague Chief, Fire Department
 Subject: Purchase Order: Water Tender from Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$504,110.40 for the purchase of 3,000-gallon water tender to support the City's efforts improve its capacity to respond to wildfire.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The purchase price of water tender will not exceed \$504,110.40. This total includes state and local sales taxes. Funding for the purchase of this piece of apparatus is available in the Department's baseline budget in Measure Q.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On October 4, 2022 the Department was contacted by Golden State with the opportunity to purchase a Stock/Demo unit for a Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. STOCK Kenworth 3,000 Gallon Tender under HGAC Consortium Purchase – Contract FS12-19, Product Code FS19VE09.

BACKGROUND

The Department has identified water supply, or lack thereof, as a critical issue for any post-earthquake fire suppression activity and/or any fire suppression that needs to occur specifically in the adjacent wildland areas to the City. While these lands are not within the City's jurisdiction, City firefighters will be some of the first on scene to support firefighters from the East Bay Regional Park District and other regional departments. It is also in the City's best interest to deploy a large number of resources to such incidents because – in the right weather conditions – a fire ignited in this area could move quickly West in to the City proper.

For three years the Department has been trying to acquire a vehicle that is capable of storing 3,000 gallons of water that can be deployed immediately to any location within or adjacent to the City to make a quick attack on a fire. Due to Pandemic related supply chain shortages, the chassis this type of vehicle is built upon has not been available.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

This acquisition contributes to our social responsibility to conserve natural resources and protect our ecosystem by supporting its health and wellbeing now and in the future.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Acquiring a vehicle to transport a large volume of firefighting water has been a longstanding goal for the Department, a goal within the City’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), and helps support the following goals within the City’s Strategic Plan:

- Be a global leader in addressing climate change, advancing environmental justice, and protecting the environment
- Provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities
- Create a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared City

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER: WATER TENDER FROM GOLDEN STATE FIRE APPARATUS,
INC.

WHEREAS, the Department has identified water supply, or lack thereof, as a critical issue for any post-earthquake fire suppression activity and/or any fire suppression that needs to occur specifically in the adjacent wildland areas to the City, and

WHEREAS, while these lands are not within the City's jurisdiction, City firefighters will be some of the first on scene to support firefighters from the East Bay Regional Park District and other regional departments, and

WHEREAS, it is also in the City's best interest to deploy a large number of resources to such incidents because – in the right weather conditions – a fire ignited in this area could move quickly West in to the City proper, and

WHEREAS, for three years the Department has been trying to acquire a vehicle that is capable of storing 3,000 gallons of water that can be deployed immediately to any location within or adjacent to the City to make a quick attack on a fire. Due to Pandemic related supply chain shortages, the chassis this type of vehicle is built upon has not been available, and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute a purchase order with Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$504,110.40 for the purchase of 3,000-gallon water tender to support the City's efforts improve its capacity to respond to wildfire.

