



Item Number: 22

**City Council / Board of Directors**

**Written Communications**

**Meeting of: July 16, 2024**

**Submitted By:**

Robert Clemmer, Fire Chief

**Subject:**

Purchase of a Tactical Water Tender

**Recommendation:**

That the Honorable City Council approve the purchase of Tactical Water Tender in the amount of \$509,431.71.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This purchase was included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget under line Measure P-Tactical Water Tender, account no. 1052010-55045-96136. No additional appropriations are needed.

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal B, Public Safety – Implement public safety strategies to support a thriving and growing community. The benefit of this improved resource will ensure we are supporting the wildland urban interface more efficiently throughout the city and reduce resource commitment times on incidents.

**Background:**

A Tactical Water Tender is a 1000 plus gallon apparatus typically used for vegetation and wildland firefighting but can also be used for structure firefighting. The purchase of this 1800-gallon Water Tender will ensure we are able to support firefighting activities in areas absence of a dedicated water source (fire hydrant). Fire incidents on the roadway involving cargo, and large commercial vehicles require several thousand gallons of water to extinguish. Our current Tactical Water Tender, WT311, is a 1996 International truck/tank, which is due for replacement after 28 years of service.

**Discussion:**

The Fire Department is seeking approval for the purchase of a Tactical Water Tender from South Coast Fire Equipment (South Coast). South Coast will soon be receiving a

Pierce Tactical Water Tender demo model that is currently being built. There is an opportunity for the Victorville Fire Department to purchase the Tactical Water Tender demo model which fits our needs and receive it within an 8-to-12-month time frame. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, we need to contact South Coast and notify them of our intent to purchase the demo Tactical Water Tender model as soon as possible before another agency makes an offer. In the instance we do not purchase the Pierce demo model, we would purchase a new build out which can take about 22-24 months to be delivered. South Coast has a cooperative agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, HGACBuy. The information was submitted and confirmed by the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department. Purchases through a cooperative purchasing agreement are allowed in accordance with section 2.28.120 of the Victorville Municipal Code.

Staff is available to answer any questions the Council may have.

**Attachments:**    A. Quote from South Coast Fire Equipment  
                              B. Cooperative Agreement