



Meeting Date: 04/24/2007

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Prepared By: Tamara Sexton Agenda Item No. I-5
 Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature] City Attorney [Signature] Finance SW Other _____

DATE: April 13, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: Mark S. Norris, Assistant Public Works Director
Public Works Department, Utilities Services Branch [Signature] 4/12/07

SUBJECT: Blanket Purchase Order with Aqua Metric Sales Company and Appropriation of Interest Earnings

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a blanket purchase order with Aqua Metric Sales Company, in an amount not to exceed \$3,415,000 for the purpose of purchasing water meters, and related parts.
2. Approve the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,430,000 from the 2004 and 2006 Water Revenue Project Bonds interest earnings to the Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") Retrofit Project for materials and contractual labor.
3. Approve the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$900,000 from the Water Operation Fund Balance to the Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") Retrofit Project for materials and contractual labor.

DISCUSSION

The AMR Retrofit Program improves meter reading efficiency and accuracy. The wireless radio meter reading technology is twenty-four times faster than conventional manual meter reading methods. The time saved through the use of the wireless systems will be reinvested in other Water Programs that are in need of additional personnel for such programs as leak detection, flushing and larger meter exchanges.

The AMR project is dependent upon standardized specifications to integrate with existing hardware and software programs within the Water Resources Division. The meters are supplied from Sensus and distributed by, Aqua Metric Sales Company, the authorized distributor of the Southwest Region of the United States.

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The Water Resources Division, Water Distribution Program's AMR Pilot Demonstration was implemented in 2001, and to date approximately 75% of new installations and existing retrofits have been replaced with automated meter reading meters and associated equipment. Staff anticipates the retrofit project to be complete within nine to twelve months, upon the approval of the above blanket purchase order with Aqua Metrics and the appropriation of interest earnings.

Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a blanket purchase order with Aqua Metric Sales Company, in an amount not to exceed \$3,415,000 (Attachment No. 1), for the purpose of purchasing automated reading meters, and related parts. The meters and repair parts are for the purpose of installation of meters related to new development and the AMR Retrofit Project. The amount of the blanket purchase order will allow the AMR Retrofit Project to continue through completion and installation of new devices for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Staff recommends the approval of the special budget appropriation in the amount of \$3,330,000 (Attachment No. 2), to allocate interest earnings and Water Operation Fund Balance to the AMR Retrofit Project Number 036010. The interest earnings were generated from the 2004 and 2006 Water Revenue Project Bonds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The special budget appropriation will recognize \$2,430,000 of interest earnings from the 2004 and 2006 Water Revenue Project Bonds account #601-6004-691-7482 and the \$900,000 will be appropriated from the Water Fund Balance to the AMR Retrofit Project 036010. The project has a current available balance of \$560,829. With this appropriation there will be sufficient funds to cover the blanket purchase order and contractual labor to complete the AMR Retrofit Project.

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Attachments – #1. Blanket Purchase Order-Aqua Metric Sales
#2. Special Budget Appropriation

CITY OF OXNARD
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION

To the City Manager:

April 24, 2007

Request is hereby made for an appropriation of total \$ 3,330,000

Reason for appropriation: Automated Meter Reading Retrofit

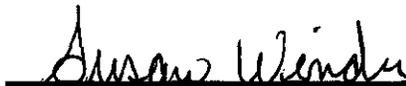
<u>FUND</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION/ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
WATER	Water Operations Debt Service	
(601)	601-6004-	
	691-7482 - Interest Income-Other	(2,430,000)
	Automated Meter Reading Retrofit Project	
	601-6545- (036010)	
	829-8608 - Auto Meter Readers	<u>3,330,000</u>
	 Net Estimated Change to Water Fund Balance	 <u>(900,000)</u>



 City Manager

REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



Disposition

Approved _____

Rejected _____

Transfer by Journal Voucher _____

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City Manager

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

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