



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

FROM: Jim Arndt, Public Works Director
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DATE: June 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Budgeted Purchase of Replacement Parts Including Installation for City Refuse Containers from Quick Crete in the Amount of \$59,124.52

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (waivers) and authorize the purchase of replacement parts including installation for City refuse containers from Quick Crete in the amount of \$59,124.52.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Sufficient funds are available in the FY 2009-2010 Public Works Refuse Fund budget for this purchase.

DISCUSSION:

The existing trash containers along the Strand, Pier, Downtown and adjacent lots were approved by Council in the early 2000s, and the recycling containers were approved in 2007. Additional containers for the North Manhattan Beach Business District were purchased in 2008. Some 400 trash and 120 recycling containers are now deployed throughout the City. Replacement parts include doors and hardware for the Strand, Pier, and adjacent lot trash cans, hover lids and liners for the Downtown receptacles and replacement lids for containers around other parts of the city. All containers were custom designed and fabricated specifically for the City for durability, resistance to stains, appropriate shape for our signage requirements, reduced access to scavenging fowl, and to prevent rain water from filling the refuse can liners.

Due to normal wear and tear coupled with the marine environment, parts such as doors, lids and hinges, now require replacement. From past experience, it has been very difficult to obtain containers similar in construction to City standards from another vendor. Quick Crete is the single source with the capability to build these custom containers. Therefore, the competitive bid process is not recommended. As a result, staff recommends that Council waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (waivers) and approve the purchase from Quick Crete. An 8-10 week lead-time is anticipated for the fabrication and installation of the parts.

