



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: *DC* David N. Carmany, City Manager

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DATE: April 17, 2012

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Existing Water Meter Supply Contract with Measurement Control Systems and Award of New Multi-Year Contract to Equarius Waterworks (Estimated Annual Value of \$138,991)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council: a) cancel the City's contract with Measurement Control Systems, b) waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (waivers), and c) award a new multi-year water meter supply contract to Equarius Waterworks with an estimated annual value of \$138,991.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Public Works Department for on-going water meter purchases.

BACKGROUND:

The City operates its own water utility, which includes all wells, reservoirs, supply lines and water meters. There are approximately 13,600 commercial and residential brass water meters located throughout the City. Such meters typically need replacement every ten years due to decreased accuracy (old meters typically run slowly and record less usage than actually occurs). In 2009, as a component of planned water system infrastructure replacements, the Public Works Department commenced a 10-year replacement program and has replaced approximately 3,600 meters. In support of that effort, a new water meter supply contract was awarded in 2010.

DISCUSSION:

In January 2010, the City Council approved a three-year fixed price contract with two one-year options with Measurement Control Systems based on responses to RFP #793-10. A summary of pricing offered by each vendor is shown below: