



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: September 1, 2020

DATE: August 13, 2020

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to retroactively approve the purchase of one new All Poly 3000 Gallon Tanker Pumper from Midwest Fire of Luverne, Minnesota in the amount of \$260,768 using the emergency purchase provisions of NRS 332.112 and utilizing the District's Emergency fund in accordance with NRS 474.510. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

SUMMARY

Retroactively approve the purchase of one new All Poly 3000 Gallon Tanker Pumper from Midwest Fire, Luverne, Minnesota in the amount of \$260,768 using the emergency purchase provisions within NRS 332.112 and utilizing the District's Emergency fund, in accordance with NRS 474.510.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

Statutory Authority: NRS 474.470(7) authorizes the Board to acquire property necessary for the purposes of the District. NRS 474.510(6)-(7) authorizes maintenance of an emergency fund which the Chief can authorize for use when there is an event that causes widespread property damage and requires immediate action to protect the health and safety of persons within the District.

Certain "emergency contracts" are exempted from the requirements of competitive bidding. NRS 332.112 authorizes an emergency contract when the "authorized representative, chief administrative officer or governing body of the local government determines that an emergency exists affecting the public health, safety or welfare" without complying with the requirements of the competitive bidding process. If such emergency action was taken, the chief administrative officer shall report it to the governing body at its next regularly scheduled meeting." The Fire Chief informed Board members in July that the District would exercise this option, and it is hereby being taken to the Board for retroactive approval.

Water Tender Damaged in Red Rock Fire: On July 23, 2020 during the Red Rock Fire in North Reno, the District responded numerous resources to protect structures and combat a wildland fire at the base of Peavine Mountain. During fire suppression efforts, one of the District's water tenders was damaged when the fire shifted direction and caused direct flame impingement on the vehicle. The apparatus sustained heavy fire damage and is unusable until it is repaired. An insurance claim is being processed to repair or replace that apparatus, but it is expected to take 6-12 months to resolve those repairs.

The District currently has water tenders at 9 of its 11 stations (and several volunteer stations), with zero reserve water tenders. The loss of this unit directly impacts the availability of water tenders for response to fire related incidents. The District is currently experiencing one of the most active wildfire seasons in recent years.

A water tender made by the same manufacturer as the damaged unit was available as a demo unit and ready for immediate delivery, after some minor customizations. This new water tender is slightly larger than the damaged unit, with a 3,000-gallon capacity, as compared to the 2,000-gallon capacity of the damaged unit. The District worked with the purchasing department and legal counsel in preparing the contract for the purchase of the new water tender. The contract has been executed and is expected to be delivered on or before September 15, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

The purchase cost of \$260,768 will be made from the Emergency Fund which has adequate funds budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve the purchase of one new All Poly 3000 Gallon Tanker Pumper from Midwest Fire of Luverne, Minnesota in the amount of \$260,768 using the emergency purchase provisions within NRS 332.112 and utilizing the District's Emergency fund, in accordance with NRS 474.510.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to retroactively approve the purchase of one new All Poly 3000 Gallon Tanker Pumper from Midwest Fire of Luverne, Minnesota in the amount of \$260,768 using the emergency purchase provisions within NRS 332.112 and utilizing the District's Emergency fund, in accordance with NRS 474.510."