

- **Board of Directors**
Engineering and Operations Committee

March 12, 2002 Board Meeting

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Subject

Authorize the CEO to enter into agreement(s) with the lowest responsible bidder(s) for security guard services for a three-year period

Description

As a result of heightened security recommendations from federal and state law enforcement agencies following the events of September 11, 2001, additional security guards and patrols were added strategically throughout the service area. Metropolitan's security forces are on duty 24 hours a day. Metropolitan's security consultant, Control Risks Group, which provided a comprehensive review of Metropolitan's security measures to the Board in February 2002, concurred with Metropolitan's efforts to enhance security given the events of September 11.

The current contract with U.S. Guards, Inc. will expire at the end of March 2002. Staff issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) to provide security guard services for all Metropolitan facilities in January 2002.

The additional security personnel ensures the protection of assets and maintains a safe working environment for Metropolitan employees. Metropolitan's leadership in its security response to our national emergency is being recognized and validated. Metropolitan's security staff is working in coordination with the Sheriff's Department Terrorist Early Warning Network, the FBI's Critical Infrastructure Protection Group, the LAPD Counter-Terrorism Task Force, the California Highway Patrol, the state Department of Water Resources, the state Department of Health Services, and various local and municipal agencies, including local police departments.

Due to the timing of bids being received and pending selection, staff will present updated information for action at the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code § 8115 (a): Negotiated Contracts over \$250,000

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Staff Recommendation:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it involves continuing administrative activities, such as personnel-related actions (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA because it involves other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment (Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA per Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Staff Recommendation


Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the CEO to enter into agreement(s) with the lowest responsible bidder(s) for security guard services for a three-year period.

Fiscal Impact: To be determined



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