



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

PURCHASE OF TRASH RECEPTACLES FOR USE ON CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY

(Environmental Programs Manager Douglas Krauss)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Victor Stanley, LLC under a qualified cooperative purchase agreement through Equalis Group, LLC in the amount of \$249,326 to purchase 130 trash receptacles (**Attachments 1 and 2**); and
2. Appropriate additional funds from the AB 939 Solid Waste fund in the amount of \$118,326 to cover the purchase.

Executive Summary:

The City currently maintains approximately 330 public trash receptacles of various styles and conditions. Due to the cost of repair and service challenges with the current receptacles, staff recommends replacement with a modernized stainless steel design. As a first phase of the project, staff requests authorization to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$249,329 to Victor Stanley, LLC for 130 receptacles. To complete the project efficiently and economically, staff proposes to utilize a competitively bid cooperative purchasing agreement through Equalis Group, LLC as allowed by the City of Hermosa Beach Municipal Code (HBMC).

Background:

The City currently owns and maintains approximately 330 concrete trash receptacles of various styles and conditions. In many cases, the current lids are missing or broken. The current receptacles also pose a number of challenges for service, including a design that allows water collection during rain events, making service difficult due to added weight. Unfortunately, the estimated cost for lid replacement is nearly half the price of purchasing entirely new trash receptacles.

Staff identified cooperative purchase as a viable procurement option for a trash receptacle purchase. This procurement method allows staff to work directly with vendors awarded contracts based on the results of competitive proposal processes. Cooperative purchasing also allows the City to take advantage of the most competitive pricing by accessing pre-negotiated prices as part of national contracts. HBMC § 3.12.140(e) allows

purchases to be “made through a cooperative purchasing program utilizing purchasing agreements maintained by the State, County, or other public agencies.”

Discussion:

After assessing the City’s current trash receptacles, identifying the cost of lid replacement, and gathering feedback from City Council and the community, staff recommends replacing the existing concrete receptacles currently located in the public right-of-way throughout the City. In preparation for a replacement purchase, staff obtained three prototypes and tested each of them at the City Yard. The preferred style was installed on Pier Avenue for a deployment test in 2023. Overall, the proposed new receptacle design was found to be aesthetically pleasing, durable, and much more efficient for service.

The proposed trash receptacles, as shown in the photo below, are stainless steel with bronze powder coat finish. The design includes a side door for access to the inner trash liner and a domed roof to prevent rain from entering the can. The proposed style is common and can be found in neighboring beach communities. To ensure efficiency of service, staff discussed the design with Athens Services, the contractor that currently services public trash receptacles citywide, and received assurance that this design is preferable and would benefit operations.



The proposed replacement would result in an overall reduction in the number of public trash receptacles and would open up more space in the public right-of-way. All solid waste collected by Athens Services in Hermosa Beach is taken to a materials recovery facility where recyclables are sorted out of the trash. Consequently, there is no need for many of the separate recycling receptacles currently in the right-of-way. Staff would work with

Athens Services to monitor volumes of trash and strategically relocate receptacles as needed to ensure adequate disposal space is available for the public.

If approved, the purchase would be made through the City's cooperative purchasing agreement with the Equalis Group, LLC. Hermosa Beach Municipal Code section 3.12.140(e) exempts from certain formal bidding procedures purchases "made through a cooperative purchasing program utilizing purchasing agreements maintained by the State, County, or other public agencies." Cooperative purchasing also allows the City to take advantage of the most competitive pricing by accessing pre-negotiated prices as part of national and regional contracts. Staff researched similar receptacles from other cooperative purchasing agents and found the receptacles from this vendor to be most cost effective and desirable.

The vendor anticipates up to nine weeks after approval for production and delivery of the receptacles. Upon delivery, Public Works Department would schedule and proceed with the removal and disposal of existing concrete receptacles in conjunction with installation of new receptacles. This work would be done incrementally by staff, starting in the downtown area, then proceeding to other targeted areas citywide.

Environmental Review:

The proposed purchase can be found to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under the Common Sense exemption under CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b)(3). The activity is covered by the common sense that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. There are no land use changes or environmental impacts created by the purchase and installation of new trash receptacles to better serve the community and support tidier and cleaner City.

General Plan Consistency:

This report and associated recommendations have been evaluated for their consistency with the City's General Plan. Relevant policy is listed below:

Sustainability and Conservation Element

Goal 6. Hermosa Beach is a low or zero-waste community with convenient and effective options for recycling, composting, and diverting waste from landfills.

Policy:

- **6.4 Multi-family and commercial recycling.** Require the provision of convenient recycling options in multi-family residential and commercial uses, until single-stream services make it unnecessary to separate recycling from other materials.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of purchase is \$254,326 which covers the \$249,326 purchase costs plus \$5,000 for necessary installation hardware. Council previously approved \$136,000 in the Fiscal Year 2023–24 budget. At this time, staff requests an additional \$118,326 of AB 939 Solid Waste funds to be appropriated to fund the entire purchase amount.

Attachments:

1. Sales Quote
2. Equalis Group, LLC Master Agreement

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