

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works/Fleet Services

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Authorize Fleet Services to waive the formal bid process and purchase a 1995 Peterbilt water truck at a cost of \$53,924 using funds currently budgeted in the Heavy Equipment Replacement Fund #704.

One of the pieces of equipment that is scheduled to be replaced in the current fiscal year is a 1978 Kenworth water truck (vehicle #787). Our plan is to replace it with a used truck since a new one would be very expensive. Our original estimate of the cost of replacement was \$40,000, but it is very difficult to know in advance what trucks will be available for sale when we are ready to purchase one. The 1995 Peterbilt water truck was rented by the Road division for a couple of months this summer to assist with annual grading work on dirt roads and it worked well for our needs. Staff was able to evaluate this truck and felt that it would be a good replacement for the old Kenworth water truck. Other bids were obtained but the other trucks that were available for sale either did not meet our requirements or would have required fairly extensive repair work.

The asking price of the truck is \$50,000 plus tax. Since this amount is above our original estimated cost of replacement, we are requesting to use more of the funds already budgeted in Fund #704 (account #704-0314-586-0641) to make up the difference. We are not requesting any additional money from the General Fund or the Road division for this purchase. Water trucks are very essential to the Road division and are heavily utilized. We want to take advantage of the opportunity to buy this particular truck since it is the best one available that we know of.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

At the Board meeting of June 25, 2003 the Board approved the budget for fiscal year 2003-04 (pending final adjustments) which included a list of equipment to be replaced with funds available in Fund #704. Vehicle #787 (the 1978 Kenworth water truck) was on that list at an estimated replacement cost of \$40,000.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not approve of the purchase and direct staff to look for a less expensive truck to buy. If one is not available in our price range that would suit our needs, we might need to continue renting a truck.

Financial Impact? ( X ) Yes ( ) No	Current FY Cost: \$53,924	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( X ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget:	\$ 513,678	List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed:	\$ -0-	1. Equipment Replacement List for 2003-04
Source:		
Internal Transfer	_____	_____
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	_____
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	_____
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	_____
( ) General ( ) Other		_____

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

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Ord. \_\_\_\_\_

Vote - Ayes: 5

Noes: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

*AW*  
 Approved

Minute Order Attached    No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Recommended Action Recommended

No Opinion

Comments:

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CAO: *RM*