

# Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** October 4, 2005

**TO:** Gary Keefe, City Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT FOR \$133,182



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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City Council

Approve the award of a contract to purchase Water Meters from Metron-Farnier of Boulder, Colorado in the amount of \$133,182 and authorize the Purchasing and Materials Manager to issue a purchase order.

**BACKGROUND AND/OR DISCUSSION:**

The City has tested and standardized on Metron-Farnier water meters because a Water Division cost and payback water meter analysis has shown that the reduced expenses and increased revenue will pay for upgrade/replacement meters in a short time and generate savings into the future. An evaluation sample of 53 meters showed that 1-inch meters paid for the replacement cost in 5.5 months and 1-1/2 inch meters paid for the replacement cost in 11.1 months. This results from lower maintenance expenses and more accurate metering. Water Division's recommendation is that the remaining twenty-year-old 1-inch and 1-1/2 inch meters; be replaced with single jet Metron meters.

For those reasons the City has embarked on a planned change out program replacing 462 meters this year. Those meters are available only from the manufacturer at the following prices: 1-1/2 inch meters priced at \$567, 1-inch meters priced at \$275. The department will see ongoing reduced expenses and increased revenue from this change out.

Staff therefore recommends that the City Council approve the award of a contract to purchase 462 water meters from Metron-Farnier Company. This award has been reviewed and recommended by Gene Margheim, Water Superintendent. Funds for this purchase are available in account number 51300-74935.

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Ray Ambler, Purchasing and Materials Manager

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

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John Walk, Management Services Director

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Gary Keefe, City Administrator