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Triunfo Water & Sanitation District
Ventura County, California

ADVANCE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION OF A NEW SEWER CLEANING TRUCK

Summary

For over forty (40) years, Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (District) was operated under contract with the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD). The District Board approved moving forward with an organizational transition plan that would result with the District being less dependent on outside services and becoming a conventional in-house staffed District.

To date, all Administrative and Financial Services are provided in-house and Field Services have transitioned as well but with 50% of field services still being provided by VRSD.

The next major step in the transition process is to purchase a sewer line cleaning truck. Approximately 60% of field work currently contracted with VRSD is for sewer line cleaning services. Bringing this work activity in house would enhance the District's emergency response capability, allow for better work planning, and potentially, depending on staff needs may result in modest cost savings. Cost estimate for a new sewer cleaning truck is \$650,000 and would be amortized over ten years. Due to the lead time associated with bidding, the normal Board review and approval process, this advance approval is necessary to allow locking in the price with the potential vendor.

Fiscal Impact

Yes. The estimated cost for the new sewer cleaning truck (\$650,000) is not included in the FY2022-2023 Adopted Budget and will require a budget adjustment.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board:

- A. Review and approve staff's request for advance authorization to purchase a new sewer cleaning truck, with an estimated total expense of \$650,000; and
- B. Authorize the Director of Finance to increase the FY2022-2023 Adopted Budget in the amount of \$650,000 for the purchase of a new sewer cleaning truck; or
- C. Provide staff with alternative direction.


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REVIEWED AND APPROVED 
Mark Norris, General Manager