

COUNCIL AGENDA: JUNE 18, 2013

SUBJECT: CITY WELL #R-12 - EMERGENCY REPAIR AND ADVERTISE FOR ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR WELL REPAIRS

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Water Utilities Division

COMMENT: The City of Porterville Water Utilities Division has an isolated water system west of the Friant-Kern canal. There are two wells in this system, one primary well, #R-12, located north of Iris Avenue, and a backup well, #R-11, on Iris Avenue.

The motor failed in #R-12 on June 13, 2013 and needs to be replaced. The backup well #R-11 has sand pumping issues and as such, is not a reliable source for anything but a short duration. S.A. Camp Pump Company has indicated they can work us into their schedule immediately and also recommends we lower the pump by 40 feet to avoid potential air problems.

It is critical that the normal operation be restored and repairs be performed immediately to provide reassurance for meeting system demand. Cost of replacement or repairs should not exceed \$10,000. Funding is available from the Water Replacement Fund.

Public Works would also like to advertise for an annual service contract for well repairs to expedite repairs when necessary.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Approve emergency work to be completed by S.A. Camp Pump Company on City Well #R-12 at a cost not to exceed \$35,000; and
2. Authorize Public Works to advertise for an annual service contract for well repair.

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