



SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FOR WATER METERS

BADGER METERS

The Water Resources Department recommends a single source vendor, Badger Meter, for water meter purchases. Justification for this recommendation are as follows:

- 94% of the existing installed water meter inventory are Badger meters. The other 6% are Elster meters. Elster meters and older Badger meters that are not compatible with the Sensus SmartPoint 520 radio transceiver modules will need to be replaced (7,184 water meters or approximately 28% of our existing installed meters) in preparation for the Meter System Upgrade.
- Badger meters are less expensive than other competitor meters and are compatible with the Sensus SmartPoint modules.
- Competitor meters do not fit properly in most existing residential meter boxes without modification. The additional cost of material and labor to replace the meters and meter boxes would be cost and time prohibitive.
- Staying with one manufacturer will decrease billing issues due to truncation errors.
- Badger meters can only be purchased directly from Badger Meter, so multiple bids cannot be obtained.