



Staff Report – Consent Agenda

April 17, 2023 Council Regular Meeting

\$1,347,875 Boulder West Timber Salvage Bid Award to High Cascade, Inc. (Submitted by Rob Charles, Utilities Manager)

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BACKGROUND: The Nakia Creek Fire burned 568 of the City’s 1,700 acres of land in the Jones and Boulder Creek Watersheds in the fall of 2022. Due to burned areas, it was necessary to expedite the timber salvage in the burn areas while the lumber still hold value to mills. The Boulder West Unit (approximately 90 acres) was the first area which was sent out to receive contractor bids.

SUMMARY: The engineer’s estimate on revenues on the project was \$1,266,900. The City received two bid proposals for the timber salvage for the Boulder West Unit.

- Jeffries Construction, Inc. - \$1,230,000
- High Cascade, Inc. - \$1,347,875

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: Salvaging of timber is healthy for any watershed to minimize the risk of future fire. In the case of the Nakia Creek Fire, salvage of this timber will minimize future fires in this high-risk area as well as allow for healthy growth of new plantings which replace the salvaged timber.

BUDGET IMPACT: Different from other typical bids received by the City, for this project the City is accepting the highest bid amount in the form of Water Revenue from High Cascade, Inc. The \$1,347,875 in revenue from this project will be put back into the Water Fund to help fund future activities in the watershed plus fund other water projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with High Cascade, Inc. in the amount of \$1,347,875.