



City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 6, 2025

TO: City of Colusa Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Logan Conley, Fire Chief, through Jessie Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Request to purchase surplus type 1 OES Engine, and approval to use Colusa Collision Center for painting services.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Resolution 25-___, authorizing the purchase of a surplus Type 1 fire engine from the Office of Emergency Services (OES), and approving the use of Colusa Collision Center for painting services.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

The Colusa Fire Department has identified a critical need to enhance its pumping and ladder capabilities in order to maintain our current ISO rating of 3. This rating plays a vital role in both community fire protection and insurance rate determination. To address this need, we propose the acquisition of a surplus Type 1 engine—a strategic, fiscally responsible step that avoids the need for a large capital loan while strengthening our operational readiness.

Current Fleet Overview:

E551 – 2013 Spartan High Tech, 1,200 GPM Type 1 Engine

E552 – 2002 Westates, 1,200 GPM Type 1/2 Engine

E553 – 2009 International HME, 500 GPM Type 3 Engine

E556 – 2020 Dodge 5500 with skid pump, 250 GPM Type 6 Engine

While these apparatuses provide a broad range of suppression and rescue capabilities, the aging fleet, particularly E552, limits our capacity to meet evolving demands, especially when units are taken out of service for maintenance or repairs.

Operational Impact:

The addition of a surplus Type 1 engine will significantly improve our pumping capacity and overall depth of service. This enhancement will ensure continuity of operations during peak demand or apparatus downtime and provide additional support for structure fires, mutual aid requests, and extended incidents.

It's important to note that this acquisition is not intended to replace the long-term need for new apparatus, as recommended under NFPA equipment replacement standards. Instead, it serves as a cost-effective, interim solution that allows the department to maintain essential service levels and operational efficiency while budgetary conditions are addressed.

Paint and Body Work:

To ensure the newly acquired engine is consistent with the appearance and branding of our existing fleet, I am requesting approval to utilize Colusa Collision Center for the necessary paint and body work.

Quotes were requested from both local paint and body shops to ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility. Both estimates have been included for council review and consideration. After evaluating pricing, availability, and prior experience, Colusa Collision Center is recommended as the most suitable option for this work.

Engine Striping and Miscellaneous Equipment

The quote for paint and bodywork does not include striping. All striping and placement of identification decals will be completed in-house. Upon delivery of the engine, it will need to be fully equipped with tools, hose, portable radios, and other necessary gear. While we have many of these items in our surplus inventory, we anticipate the need to purchase additional nozzles, hose adapters, valves, and various other miscellaneous items to fully outfit the engine as a Type 1 apparatus.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The total cost of the surplus engine, including miscellaneous equipment, striping, paint, and body work, is estimated to be \$60,000, funded through the Fire Department's Capital Improvement Fund.

The breakdown is as follows.

1. Apparatus Cost: \$40,000
2. Paint and Body Work: 13,500
3. Engine Striping and misc. equipment: \$6,500

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Council to approve Resolution 25-

ATTACHMENT:

- Exhibit A
 - Quote – Colusa Collision Center
- Exhibit B
 - Quote – Selovers Autobody Repair
- Resolution 25-