



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	12/13/2022
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 10959 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Cancel the Invitation for Bids for the Water Meter Replacement Program
FROM:	Environmental and Water Resources Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Environmental and Water Resources Department recommends the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 10959 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Cancel the Invitation for Bids for the Water Meter Replacement Program.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The Environmental and Water Resources Department (EWR) has identified the need to purchase water meters of various types and sizes for installation on new homes and to replace older water meters that may be reaching the end of their serviceable life. As required by State Law, water meters have been installed on all new homes since 1992, with metered rate billing for all the City's water customers beginning in 2013. Water meters are used for water metering, water conservation and are an integral part of the water billing process.

The City currently has approximately 22,500 installed water meters, which range in size from 5/8-inch to 12-inch. It is anticipated that approximately 175 of these need to be replaced annually. To meet this demand of the most widely used meters, staff issued a request for bids for the supply of 5/8-inch, 3/4-inch, and 1.5-inch to 10-inch water meters.

During the time of the bid when potential bidders could ask questions regarding the bid, questions were received by EWR staff about the type of meters required in the bid package. Several potential bidders indicated that water meter manufacturers would be transitioning to

water meters incorporating newer technology or alternate types of water meters that were not included in the bid package specifications. Based on review of these questions, staff considers that there is good cause, and it is in the best interest of the City to cancel the invitation for bids.

Canceling the bid allows staff time to research new water meter technology to determine the best value for the city regarding accuracy requirements, longevity, and reliability of the various water meter types. On completion of this research, EWR will issue a new, more comprehensive, meter bid package with revised specifications and opportunity to allow proposers to bid specific meter types.

This resolution authorizes the City Council to cancel the invitation for bids for the Water Meter Replacement Program

POLICY / RULE

In accordance with Chapter 2.36.180 of the Folsom Municipal Code, where stated in the invitation for bid, the city council may cancel an invitation for bid, a request for proposal, or other solicitations, or may reject any or all bids or proposals when it is for good cause and in the best interests of the city (Ord. 723 §3 (part), 1991).

ANALYSIS

Bids were solicited by advertising in the October 11, 2022, edition of the Sacramento Bee, on the City of Folsom website, and online at www.CIPList.com. Due to the questions received from proposers during the bid process, staff recognized the need for a more comprehensive meter bid and further research to encompass multiple meter styles and technologies. EWR recommends the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 00000 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Cancel the Invitation for Bids for the Water Meter Replacement Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Canceling the invitation for bids for the City of Folsom Water Meter Replacement Program will have no financial impact to the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ATTACHMENT

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Submitted,

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

ATTACHMENT 1

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RESOLUTION NO. 10959

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO CANCEL THE INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, staff has identified the need to purchase water meters for installing on new homes as required by State Law and to replace older water meters that may be reaching the end of their serviceable life; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Bids for the supply of water meters of various sizes was issued on October 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, based on questions received from proposers during the bid process, staff recognized the need for a more comprehensive meter bid and further research to encompass multiple meter styles and technologies used by meter manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, based on the information received during the bid process, the City Council finds good cause and in the best interest of the City to cancel the invitation for bids for the Water Meter Replacement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Folsom that the invitation for bids for the Water Meter Replacement Program is hereby canceled.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December 2022, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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