

Emergency Contracting Provisions

West Peak Emergency Power Pole Removal must occur on an emergency basis because:

1. A significant emergency exists with downed power poles, compromised poles, and the associated power line infrastructure at West Peak.
2. Immediate removal of downed power line infrastructure is necessary to remove the hazardous conditions and restore safe public access to the site.

District Code Section 2.90.055 (a) allows construction contracts to be awarded upon obtaining informal quotations without advertisement in significant emergencies or when repairs or replacements are necessary to permit continued operation or services by the District upon the approval of a four-fifths vote of the Board of Directors. This action is based on a finding that the emergency will not permit the delay, which would result from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the action is necessary to respond to the emergency.

District Code Section 2.90.055 (b) allows the General Manager to award a contract for emergency services in order to respond to the exigent circumstances in a timely manner, and provided that the General Manager shall timely inform the Board. The Board shall determine by a four-fifths vote at every regularly scheduled meeting thereafter whether there is a need to continue the action. The Board shall terminate the action at the earliest possible date that permits the remainder of the emergency work to be completed pursuant to a contract awarded after competitive bidding.

On March 13, 2024, the District General Manager awarded an emergency general services agreement to Pinnacle Power based on the informal quote listed below in order to commence the prompt removal of the compromised power poles and ancillary equipment. The General Manager reported to this Board at the March 5th meeting. This item seeks Board ratification of the contract and determination by the Board, by a four-fifths vote, that there is a continuing emergency requiring the emergency services as set forth in the contract.

Informal Quote:

Item #	Description	Qty	Rate	Total
1	Lump Sum Electric pricing - Labor and Equipment pole removals [PT].	1	\$80,572.82	\$80,572.82
2	Lump Sum Electric pricing - Labor and Equipment remove communication lines and dispose [PT].	1	\$26,930.73	\$26,930.73
3	Wood poles disposal	1	\$15,226.84	\$15,226.84
4	Materials	1	\$4,092.00	\$4,092.00
	Grand Total		-	\$126,822.40

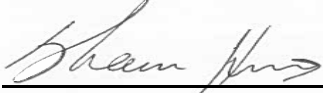

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) "Existing Facilities" in that the Project performs minor repairs and alterations to an existing facility involving no expansion of use.

Application of the categorical exemption is not barred by any of the exceptions set forth in 14 CCR Section 15300.2. The Project is also statutorily exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15269(c) in that the prompt removal of the compromised power poles and ancillary equipment is necessary to mitigate the risk to public safety in the near term.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds budgeted in the District’s Watershed Capital Budget A1E05 will be used to cover the emergency removal costs.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Resolution Approving the Continued Use of the District’s Emergency Contracting Provisions and Ratifying Award of Contract 2021

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Watershed		
	Shaun Horne Watershed Resources Director	Ben Horenstein General Manager