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For the Meeting of August 19, 2025

☒ Consent Item; ☐ Public Hearing Item

To: City Council

From: Kevin Caldwell, Community Development Director

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Through: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

Date: August 11, 2025

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 1644-2025 amending the City's Bidding Threshold for Public Projects by Enrolling in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA).

Recommendation:

That the City Council:

1. Approve Resolution No. 1644-2025 amending the City's Bidding Threshold for Public Projects by Enrolling in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA).

Discussion

For cities that operate under the State's general laws, the California Public Contract Code (PCC) applies. Historically, the competitive bidding threshold for public projects was **\$5,000**. However, the specific rules for bidding and the thresholds themselves have been updated and

are subject to change, especially with the adoption of **California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)**.

CUPCCAA & Increased Bidding Thresholds

Many California cities have opted into the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA). This act provides an alternative, more flexible bidding process for public agencies. For cities that have adopted CUPCCAA, the bidding thresholds are significantly higher. As of January 1, 2025, the thresholds were updated by Assembly Bill (AB) 2192:

- **Projects of \$75,000 or less:** Can be done by city employees, by negotiated contract, or by purchase order without a formal bidding process.
- **Projects of \$220,000 or less:** Can be awarded through an **informal bidding process**, which typically involves soliciting bids from a list of qualified contractors.
- **Projects over \$220,000:** Must be awarded through a **formal bidding process**, which involves a public notice, sealed bids, and an award to the lowest responsible bidder.

Adoption Process

The process for a city to adopt CUPCCAA is relatively straightforward:

1. **Adopt a Resolution:** The city's governing body (the city council) must pass a **resolution** to elect to become subject to the Act. This resolution is the official, legal document that signifies the city's decision to "opt-in" to the program.
2. **File with the State Controller's Office:** After the resolution is adopted, a copy of it must be **filed with the State Controller's Office**.² This formal notification makes the city's participation official.

Once these steps are completed, the City is a participating agency and can immediately begin following the bidding procedures outlined in CUPCCAA. The City will remain a part of the

program unless it later adopts another resolution to withdraw and files that with the State Controller's Office.

Key Benefits

By adopting CUPCCAA, the City can streamline its contracting and bidding process for public projects, which can lead to significant benefits:

- **Higher Bidding Thresholds:** The most significant benefit is the increase in the monetary thresholds for when formal bidding is required. This allows for more projects to be completed using informal bidding or even by City employees, which saves time and administrative costs.
- **Reduced Bureaucracy:** The Act simplifies the process for smaller projects, reducing the red tape, time, and effort associated with traditional formal bidding procedures.
- **Increased Efficiency:** By streamlining the process, projects can be awarded and completed more quickly, improving the timeliness of project delivery.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** While the process is simplified, CUPCCAA still maintains strong accountability measures. Participating agencies must follow uniform cost accounting procedures and are subject to oversight from the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission. They must also maintain a list of qualified contractors, which ensures fair and open competition.

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 1644 – 2025; amending the City’s Bidding Threshold for Public Projects by Enrolling in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA).

RESOLUTION NO. 1644-2025



**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL
ELECTING TO BECOME SUBJECT TO THE UNIFORM PUBLIC
CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT**

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Dell is a public agency as defined in Public Contract Code section 20101; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Public Contract Code section 22000 et seq.), hereinafter referred to as the "Act," provides for alternative bidding procedures for public works projects; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that a city may, by resolution, elect to become subject to the Act; and

WHEREAS, by adopting the Act, the City will be able to utilize more efficient and cost-effective bidding procedures for a variety of public projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Rio Dell does hereby elect to become subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the State Controller's Office.

PASSED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on August 19, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Garnes

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

City of Rio Dell

ATTEST:

I, Karen Dunham, City Clerk for the City of Rio Dell, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1644-2025 adopted by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on August 19, 2025.

Karen Dunham, City Clerk, City of Rio Dell