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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director
Russ Morreale, Assistant Finance Director
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

DATE: October 3, 2006

SUBJECT: Ratification of Water Distribution Pump Expenses from Pumpman Inc. in the Amount of \$33,668 and Appropriate \$33,668 from Water Fund Reserves

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council ratify the repair and installation of a vertical water distribution pump located at Peck Reservoir from Pumpman Inc. in the amount of \$33,668 and appropriate \$33,668 from the Water Fund Reserves.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The replacement of this pump was unanticipated in the current fiscal year, however funds are available and need to be appropriated from the Water Fund Reserves.

DISCUSSION:

The City operates four pumps located at Peck Reservoir. The pump motor suffered a catastrophic malfunction and backup pumps are being used. We had contacted three vendors for a quote but only one responded. It would not be practical to send a disassembled pump to another vendor for additional estimates at this point. This pump is essential to the water distribution operation and needs to be placed into service as soon as possible. The cost of a new pump would exceed \$30,000 and that price doesn't include installation. In addition, the lead time to formally bid and procure a new pump would impact the Water Division's ability to provide the necessary level of service.

Due to the immediate need, staff proceeded with the repairs and is now seeking Council ratification for the expenditure. Because the total purchase exceeded the formal bid limit of \$20,000, Council must approve this expenditure. Sufficient funds are available in the Water Division's budget to effect the order.