

**PURCHASE OF TWO (2) "GO-4" PARKING ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES  
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of two (2) new gasoline powered "Go-4" Parking Enforcement vehicles in the amount of \$45,697.00 from Municipal Maintenance Equipment of Sacramento, California.
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2. Authorize the purchase of two (2) new alternative fuel (CNG powered) "Go-4" Parking Enforcement vehicles in the amount of \$57,263.00 from Municipal Maintenance Equipment of Sacramento, California.

**BACKGROUND**

Parking Enforcement vehicles are part of the inventory of the Equipment Replacement Fund. For the current 2002/2003 fiscal year, two (2) "Go-4" Parking Enforcement vehicles are scheduled for replacement. The "Go-4" vehicle is a unique customized vehicle that is produced by Westward Industries Ltd. In Manitoba, Canada and sold through Municipal Maintenance equipment in Sacramento, California. This vendor is considered a "sole source" vendor in that this vehicle is not produced by any other manufacturer nor sold through a dealership or distributor network. Under City rules, it is permissible to make such a purchase from a sole vendor without utilizing the RFP process. The current fleet of Parking Enforcement vehicles is comprised entirely of the "Go-4" vehicle.

**ANALYSIS**

At Council Direction, staff obtained prices for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles. The additional cost is \$5250.00 per vehicle for the CNG model. Electric vehicles were not considered because they are not able to meet the demands of daily use. The time required to recharge these vehicles is too excessive and the longevity of the charge is inadequate. If Council were to consider the purchase of the CNG vehicles, these Go-4 vehicles could no longer be stored in the existing parking garage on Bard. The parking garage on Bard lacks the proper ventilation and detectors for methane gas. As the fuel systems of CNG vehicles are under pressure, there is the possibility (though unlikely) that leaks could occur and if not vented properly, the gas would build up inside of the garage. As the current garage facility is not outfitted properly, these vehicles would have to be stored at an outdoor location unless the garage was modified.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The funds required for the replacement of these vehicles (\$48,348) have been accumulated in the Equipment Replacement Fund for the current 2002/2003 fiscal year. The total cost for the gasoline models is \$45,695.42. The total cost for the CNG models is \$57,263.00. If the Council decides to purchase these vehicles \$50,447 is available to be appropriated from the AQMD fund with the balance to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

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