

April 6, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
April 13, 2004

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE ONE (1) CHEVY SILVERADO
PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of one (1) new Chevy Silverado 1500 Extended Cab pick-up truck from Wondries Fleet Group of Alhambra, California in the amount of \$24,016 (including tax and California tire fees).
2. Appropriate \$16,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund and \$8,016 from the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) fund for the purchase of this vehicle.
3. Appropriate an additional amount of \$1,606 from the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) for the set-up of this vehicle to be done by the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC).

BACKGROUND

The Hermosa Beach Police Department participates in a regional crime fighting team known as LA IMPACT. The Police Department has assigned one officer to this team. LA IMPACT targets major drug dealers and violent criminals in the Los Angeles region. LA IMPACT is comprised of police officers from many of the police departments of Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Federal law enforcement agencies such as Customs and the Department of Drug Enforcement (DEA).

Currently, the officer assigned from our department is furnished with a leased vehicle by L.A. IMPACT. However, due to budget constraints, LA IMPACT can no longer provide this leased vehicle. It is therefore necessary to purchase a vehicle for our officer assigned to this team. As the members of LA IMPACT conduct a number of surveillances, the use of ordinary vehicles is very important. Our officer currently drives a leased Chevy Silverado pick-up truck. It is the intent of staff to supply the same type of vehicle.

In 2003/2004, the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department awarded Wondries Fleet Group in Alhambra the open competitive bid to supply their agency with a variety of different vehicles including the Chevy Silverado pick-up truck. The high volume purchases made by the Los Angeles County sheriffs Department allows for the lowest possible acquisition cost for these various vehicles. Wondries Fleet Group in Alhambra bid the lowest price cost per identically equipped vehicle. These bid prices are also available to the City of Hermosa Beach.

This vehicle will be ordered as part of Los Angeles County Bid #0364375. It is recommended that Council authorize staff to purchase this vehicle from Wondries Fleet Group of Alhambra for \$24,016. This price includes the 8.25% sales tax and a California tire fee.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds for the purchase of this vehicle will need to be appropriated from the Asset Forfeiture Fund (\$16,000) and the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) fund (\$8,016). The total cost is \$24,016. An additional amount of \$1,606 to be appropriated from the COPS fund to set-up the vehicle for surveillance work.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

MICHAEL LAVIN, CHIEF OF POLICE
HERMOSA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

STEPHEN BURRELL
CITY MANAGER

Fiscal Impact:

Viki Copeland, Finance Director