



# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Standardization of Standby Electric Generator Systems for the Water/Wastewater Utility to Olympian as Supplied by Caterpillar

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2003

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve standardization of standby electric generator systems for the water/wastewater utility, water well, and sanitary sewer lift stations to Olympian as supplied by Caterpillar.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Currently the City of Lodi has 18 standby emergency generators throughout the system, nine (9) of which are Caterpillar manufactured (Olympian). Standardization to Olympian as supplied by Caterpillar of future generator purchases would simplify maintenance, reduce parts inventory costs, reduce the necessity for special tools (hand tools, computer software), improve operations, and reduce the cost of maintenance training. It would also benefit our electricians and water/wastewater plant mechanics. The Fleet Committee is in agreement with standardization of future purchases of the Olympian standby electric generator systems. This includes drop-over enclosures for sanitary sewer lift stations and other enclosures for well site generators to reduce noise.

Lodi Municipal Code, Section 3.20.070, Bidding, "...when the City Council determines that the purchase or method of purchase would be in the best interests of the city", authorizes Council to take this action. This will be a sole source manufacturer. We should still be able to receive competitive quotes from various suppliers/installers.

For the Council's information, the City of Lodi has previously standardized the following equipment:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Water Meters             | Low Voltage Electrical Panels |
| Fire Hydrants            | Submersible Pumps             |
| Propeller Pumps & Motors |                               |

FUNDING: Water/Wastewater Utility Fund – none needed at this time

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