



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Fire Station No. 3 Standby Generator

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2012

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for Fire Station No. 3 standby generator.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The standby generator at Fire Station No. 3, shown in Exhibit A, is a natural-gas-fueled 4-cylinder generator manufactured by Kohler in 1975. The fire station is an essential facility that relies on the standby generator to maintain operations during electrical outages.

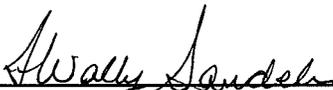
The generator at Fire Station No. 3 has become less reliable and parts are difficult to find. In addition, the generator runs on natural gas, which can be unavailable during large scale disasters. Staff recommends the existing generator be replaced with a diesel-powered generator similar to those at City water wells, wastewater lift stations] and storm water pump statons.

On February 19, 2003, the City Council approved Olympian (supplied by Caterpillar) as the standard for standby electric generator equipment in the City. The specifications reflect that Council action.

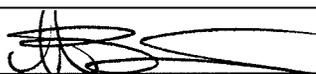
The specifications are on file in the Public Works Department. The planned bid opening date is May 30, 2012. The estimated cost is \$65,000.

FISCAL IMPACT: Replacing this 37-year-old generator will reduce maintenance and repair costs and improve reliability.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Funding will be specified at the time of contract award.


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 Attachment

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