SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT - SPRAY RIG

SOURCE: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/PURCHASING DIVISION

COMMENT: On October 1, 2002, Council authorized the Water Department to begin negotiations for a self-propelled spray rig unit for use in water and storm drain retention basin and ditch maintenance. The purchase of this equipment was budgeted for $75,000 in the 2002/2003 Annual Budget.

After much research and testing of various possible spray rigs, Staff received a proposal from Farmers Tractor & Equipment Co., of Porterville, for a 300-gallon 4x4 self-propelled sprayer with a 46 hp. Kubota diesel engine and hydraulic folding boom. The sprayer is equipped with all the spray nozzles and hose reels necessary to accomplish the work, and additionally, all the required safety equipment meeting the City’s specifications. The cost of the unit, including training, warranty, tax, delivery and parts guaranty is $50,085.75.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council award the contract for a self-propelled sprayer to Farmers Tractor & Equipment Co., of Porterville, in the amount of $50,085.75. Further, that Council authorize payment for the equipment upon satisfactory delivery.