SUBJECT: REQUEST TO PURCHASE ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLE

SOURCE: Police Department

COMMENT: In 2009, the City formed its first animal control unit by constructing a few kennels at the corporation yard and purchasing two used animal control trucks from other agencies. The first truck purchased was a 1998 Chevrolet 3500 utility truck and the second truck purchased was a 2001 Dodge 2500 utility truck. Both trucks remain in service today, but the mileage for each far exceed 200,000 miles and annual maintenance fees have grown to the point of exceeding the overall values of the trucks. During the last fiscal year, combined maintenance fees for the trucks exceeded $13,000 and one is currently undergoing major repairs. Additionally, the City has expressed interest in purchasing the present animal shelter in Lindsay, which would continue to increase the mileages of the trucks at an accelerated rate.

Due to strong fiscal management and adherence to our vehicle depreciation plan, there are currently funds accumulated in the vehicle depreciation account to replace one of the trucks. In past years, a careful evaluation was made on each particular vehicle to determine actual need for replacement and to ensure that a vehicle is not replaced only because it was scheduled to be replaced. In light of budget uncertainties, this part of the vehicle replacement process is even more critical and has recently been completed.

With regard to the replacement of the animal control trucks, it has been determined that there is a need to replace at least one of the trucks immediately, and the truck in the best condition of the two existing trucks could be maintained as a backup for the primary truck. Although there may be increased maintenance costs with the remaining animal control truck, the Department believes the replacement of that truck can be deferred to a future budget year.

Department staff has conducted extensive research with regard to the purchase of a suitable replacement for one of the existing animal control trucks and has determined that the best available price is through Downtown Ford Sales in Sacramento, which holds the State Contract for such vehicles.

A quote was provided by Downtown Ford Sales for a 2013 Ford F-350 truck, fully equipped with a V-8 gasoline engine, air-cooled utility body with 8 live animal compartments, all necessary lighting equipment, and a police radio. The final delivery price quoted for the truck is $53,408.63 (refer to attached quote).
Based on the aforementioned information, the Department requests permission to immediately start the process to purchase the animal control vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1) Authorize the City’s Purchasing Agent to negotiate the purchase and outfitting of the specified animal control truck; and
2) Authorize payment when purchase process is completed.

Attachment: Quote from Downtown Ford Sales
# QUOTE

DOWNTOWN FORD SALES  
525 N16th Street, Sacramento, CA. 95811  
916-442-9931 fax 916-491-3138

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**Customer**  
Name: PORTERVILLE POLICE DEPT  
Address:  
City:  
State:  
ZIP:  
Phone:  

**Date**  
7/23/2013

**PO**  
BILL FELL

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**SubTotal** $48,801.80  
**Delivery** $450.00  
**Taxes** $4,148.08  
**CA TIRE TAX** $8.75  
**TOTAL** $53,408.63

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**Payment Details**  
- [ ] Cash  
- [X] Check  
- [ ] Credit Card  

Name  
CC #  
Expires NET 30  
Office Use Only

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**STATE OF CALIF CONTRACT #1-13-23-20A**

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**SIGNATURE**  
**DATE**