



Authorization to purchase two Type 5 Skeeter Brush Trucks

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CURRENT

Currently, the Fire Department has one brush truck (Type 6 fire engine). The Wildland Resiliency and Response Strategic Plan (WUI 2.0) calls for the addition of two additional brush trucks (Type 5 or 6 fire engines) to expand wildland firefighting capabilities. These vehicles are smaller than standard fire engines creating a nimble and versatile, four-wheel drive firefighting platform.

PROPOSED

- The purchase of these two fire engines are part of the Wildland Response and Resiliency Strategic Plan (WUI 2.0) that was funded by City Council via PG&E settlement funds.
- Utilization of H-GAC Buy contract for the purchase of the vehicles
- Purchase price shall not exceed \$678,000

BENEFIT

- As part of the department's ongoing efforts to improve operational response to wildfire incidents as identified in the Wildland Resiliency and Response Strategic Plan (WUI 2.0), the Fire Department has identified a need for two new Type 5 Skeeter Brush Trucks to add to the fire apparatus fleet.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the purchase of two Type 5 Skeeter Brush Trucks up to a not-to exceed amount of \$678,000 and delegate authority to the City Manager or designee to utilize cooperative purchasing through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and H-GAC vendor Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc., Sacramento, CA, including approval of the issuance of any necessary purchase orders and/or any other documents, agreements or amendments related to the purchase that are in a form approved by the City Attorney. The purchase of these two fire engines are part of the Wildland Response and Resiliency Strategic Plan (WUI 2.0) that was funded by City Council via PG&E settlement funds.

Questions?