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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Larry Millar, Director
SUBJECT: Surplus 1978 Case 580C Backhoe (C-5) to Lassen County Waterworks District 1

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Public Works Department to surplus a 1978 Case 580C Backhoe (C-5) to Lassen County Waterworks District 1.

DISCUSSION: The Road Department has recently replaced one of its old backhoe's, a 1978 Case 580C Backhoe (C-5), which is in a usable fair/poor condition.

The Lassen County Waterworks District 1 (Bieber) has requested that the County consider the surplus/sale of this vehicle to the Lassen County Waterworks District 1 for a price of \$1,000.00 and in addition the use of their jetting equipment to perform culvert cleaning, from time to time, in the Bieber area. See attached letter.

It is expected that we could receive \$2,000 - \$3,000 if this backhoe was sold in a local surplus sale and possibly up to \$8,000 if sold at an equipment auction sale. A trade-in option was not pursued as it would have resulted in very little value.

The Department recommends that we surplus/sale this vehicle to the Lassen County Waterworks District 1. We feel that the offered price of \$1,000 (cash) plus the use of their jetting equipment is a fair price. The only other feasible option of taking the backhoe to an equipment auction would require additional expenditures to deliver the backhoe to the action site. The use of their jetting equipment is very valuable to the Road Department as we do not own any equipment for cleaning culverts and the rental for this type of equipment is in the range of \$400 per day or \$1,500 per month. The cleaning of culverts is an ongoing maintenance task which will extend into future years.

The Lassen County Waterworks District 1 agrees to accept this vehicle as is and understands that the Public Works Department is not responsible for any future repairs or maintenance.

ALTERNATIVES: Not approve

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$1,000.00 revenue to the Road Budget, Fund 122-1221(\$500 FY 2016/17 and \$500.00 FY2017/18).

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Lassen County Waterworks District 1

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL: 

REVIEWED FOR AGENDA:

Lassen County Waterworks District I

PO Box 363

Bieber, California

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Lassen County Waterworks District I, is a small Water and Sewer District located in Bieber. The District is funded and runs solely on revenue from water and sewer rates from the local residents within the District service area. LCWD has the water distribution system, wells and water tower as well as the wastewater main lines/ lift stations and wastewater ponds. The entire water and sewer system is old and in many levels of disrepair. There are many different problems that need attention and maintenance performed. The District does not possess any equipment other than shovels to perform any excavation. In the recent past, we have replaced 3 (three) hydrant in town. These hydrants were all dug up by hand, and installed by hand. Only by the volunteer help from Cal Fire was this possible. As for other projects and problems within the District they have been done by hand shoveling. If it is a larger project, the District has to hire a contractor to perform the work. This is very costly and hinders the District. The district desperately needs a backhoe to perform repairs and maintenance without having to hire a contractor for work that the District is capable of doing without the added expense. Each time the District has to hire outside the District, it continues to be financially strapped. At that rate it could never keep up with newly occurring problems and maintenance.

The Lassen County Road Department has a Case 580c Backhoe that they are willing to part with. It would be a great asset to the Water District to be able to obtain this equipment to carry out field work, maintenance, repairs, as well as other District duties.


Lassen County Waterworks District I would like to offer Lassen County Road Department \$1000.00, One Thousand and 00/xx for the purchase of said equipment. The first payment of \$500.00, Five Hundred and 00/xx would be made immediately, the second payment of \$500.00. Five Hundred and 00/xx would be made in August 2017, just after the beginning of the new fiscal year. LCWD would also offer its help with jetting/cleaning storm drains and culverts with the County Road Department in Bieber as needed and applicable. It would then be Lassen County Waterworks District I responsibility for future maintenance, up keep and insurance of said equipment.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

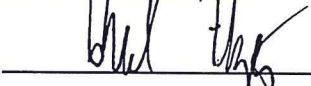
Sincerely, Lassen County Waterworks District I

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