

KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 90

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 1066

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 90, King County, Washington, selecting and confirming Neptune Ultrasonic Water Meters as the District water meter standard; making a finding that the meters are available from a single source; and authorizing purchases as necessary to the District operations.

WHEREAS, based upon its experience with Neptune Water Meters and water meter systems as used in the field under real-world conditions, the District has found the system to be reliable, accurate and efficient; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the use of Neptune Ultrasonic water meters in the District has, and will continue to, reduce meter reading time, releasing employees for other functions within the District; will virtually eliminate meter reading errors, even under harsh weather conditions, and will provide a documented and reliable response to challenges to meter readings; and

WHEREAS, standardizing on a specific meter system has, and will continue to, allow for efficient parts inventory and training procedures for repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the District has utilized Neptune water meters since 1998 with success, which meters have been supplied by sole source vendor in the State of Washington, currently Core and Main; and

WHEREAS, the District re-evaluated meter manufactures, vendors, types, and technologies in approximately 2015, and District staff routinely monitors meter technology at conferences, in reviewing articles and industry publications, discussing with other water professionals, and in consultation with the Districts engineer; and

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WHEREAS, in 2018, the District explored and researched the possibility of switching to a different meter manufacture and vendor with ultrasonic technology, and the District staff found that the Neptune Ultrasonic style meter will continue to best serve the needs of the District and benefits set forth in this recital; and

WHEREAS, the District staff has at all times discussed with, and obtained the approval of, the Commissioners in open public meetings, the selection and purchase of Neptune Meters, and most recently Neptune Ultrasonic meters; and

WHEREAS, the District now desires to establish and confirm the Neptune Ultrasonic water meter to be the District standard; and

WHEREAS, District Management has investigated the availability of the Neptune Water Meters with Ultrasonic technology, and determined that the meters are a branded item, and exclusively available from Core and Main as the sole source vendor for Neptune Water Meters in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, as long as Core & Main is the only authorized provider of Neptune meter reading equipment, software, water meters and Neptune parts, it is in the District's best interest to approve the sole source purchase for multiple years rather than on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, District Management has determined the unit purchase prices for the meters to be fair and reasonable, not in excess of the cost of material or work, and within the cost of all similar or alternative devices or technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered and accepted the recommendations of Management regarding the sole source availability of the Neptune Water Meters with Ultrasonic technology; and the reasonableness and fairness of the purchase price proposed; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby finds and confirms that the purchase of the meters to be one that is clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply,

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and involving special facilities in an instance in which the purchase price is best established by direct negotiation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 90, as follows:


SECTION 1: That the competitive bidding requirements of R.C.W. 57.08.050 are hereby waived upon the findings made hereinabove.

SECTION 2: That the Neptune Ultrasonic water meter system is hereby selected and confirmed as the District standard, and shall be utilized for all District metering applications, whether to be performed by the District, by developers, or by individuals.

SECTION 3: That purchase of the meters necessary to meet the District's reasonable needs is authorized as approved under the District's current and future budget process.

SECTION 4: That the Board hereby confirms the prior approval of purchases and authorizes the signing and execution by the District General Manager of any necessary contracts or purchase orders in accordance herewith.


ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 90, King County, Washington, at a regular, open public meeting thereof on the 19th day of November, 2019.



Sam Amira, President



Byron Murgatroyd, Vice-President



Dick Gidner, Secretary

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