



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for a 55' Material Handling Bucket Truck (Replacement) and Appropriate Funds (\$190,000) (EUD)

**MEETING DATE:** March 19, 2008

**PREPARED BY:** Electric Utility Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve Specifications and Advertise for Bids for a 55' Material Handling Bucket Truck (Replacement) and appropriate funds.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The requested 55' material handling bucket truck will be a replacement for an aged bucket truck (#09002) which was sold at auction in October 2007 for \$9,100.

A significant portion of the Department's distribution and sub-transmission system is composed of overhead power lines. Construction, maintenance and inspection of overhead lines are performed most efficiently, rapidly and safely from bucket trucks. The demand on the existing bucket truck, which is shared by two crews, has been significant. As a result, this specialized piece of equipment is only available for some jobs, resulting in inefficient utilization of staff and delays in completing work. This situation is compounded during times when the existing bucket truck is unavailable due to break downs and/or required maintenance.

Based on EUD's present/future workload and the importance of having this type of equipment available at all times for construction projects and service restoration work, it is recommended that the bucket truck be purchased.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Having two bucket trucks will increase efficiency by allowing two crews to perform aerial work simultaneously.

**FUNDING:** Estimated price is \$190,000. Unencumbered bond proceeds (Electric Utility Department 1999 Certificate of Participation Series A)

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