SUBJECT: Reject Bid for Repairs of Dual Media Filter (F1109-18)

BACKGROUND
Approval is requested to reject a formal bid received in response to Invitations for Bids (F1109-18) to procure repairs of the dual media filter for the Department of Environmental Services, Water Pollution Control Plant Division (WPCP).

DISCUSSION
Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. F1109-18 was issued on October 21, 2011 for repairs to the dual media filter (a polishing filter for effluent processing). Bid documents were direct mailed to four known contractors that offer this type of service. The bid due date was November 30, 2011. One responsive bid was received from Monterey Mechanical Company of Oakland in the amount of $202,101, which exceeds staff’s estimate for the repairs.

City Council approval is required to reject bids received in response to formal competitive bid or proposal solicitations, per Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 2.08.140(b). Staff will re-evaluate the scope of work for this project and re-advertise with expanded outreach to help ensure a higher number of bidders and more competitive pricing.

FISCAL IMPACT
No fiscal impact results from the recommended bid rejection. With modified bid specifications and expanded outreach, it is anticipated that budgeted funding will be available in Program 365 (Wastewater Management) to complete the needed repairs.

PUBLIC CONTACT
Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City’s official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City’s Web site.
RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that Council reject the bid received in response to Invitation for Bids F1109-18.

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