



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JULY 21, 2026

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEPHEN BISE, P.E., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: \$636,480 CONTRACT WITH CORA CONSTRUCTORS INC.
FOR LAS PALMAS AND LAGUNA PUMP STATIONS
EMERGENCY GENERATOR SETS

SUMMARY

Award \$636,480 construction contract to Cora Constructors Inc. for the Las Palmas and Laguna Pump Stations Emergency Generator Sets Project.

PROPOSED MOTION

1. Approve Las Palmas and Laguna Pump Stations Emergency Generator Sets Project plans and specifications.
2. Award \$636,480 construction contract for Las Palmas and Laguna Pump Stations Emergency Generator Sets Project to Cora Constructors Inc. and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute and administer the contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney.
3. Authorize Public Works Director, or designee, to approve future change orders for construction and professional engineering construction support services within the approved project budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Reject all bids or other alternatives

- Other options brought by City Council.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget has sufficient funding from Water funds provided from 53024 Electrical Generator Upgrades within the Water Fund (Fund 44).

Staff attached a Budget Data Sheet / Summary of Bids and the Contractor Bid Schedule for reference (Attachments 1 and 2).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

This project would install emergency generators at the Laguna and Las Palmas Pump Stations to ensure continuous water delivery during power grid failures. Neither facility has backup power to operate critical water infrastructure, including booster pumps, instrumentation and control systems. These two sites serve pressure sub-zones within the water distribution system. Maintaining normal water pressure in these sub-zones during an extended power outage would be difficult without backup power. The City of Fullerton awarded a \$338,139.50 contract to QUINN-CAT to procure two generators on June 18, 2024. The generators were delivered to the Las Palmas Pump Station on June 11, 2026.

The City received nine bids on June 9, 2026 with Cora Constructors Inc. of Palm Desert submitting the lowest responsible base bid totaling \$636,480. The low bid submitted is approximately 49.9% lower than the \$1,269,740 engineers estimate. The engineer's estimate is consistent with seven of the nine bids, while the Cora Constructors Inc. bid totaled significantly lower than the others. Staff reviewed the bid and found it acceptable.

Construction would tentatively start September 2026 with anticipated project completion in December 2026. Staff would notify affected residents of upcoming project construction and potential impacts.

Staff prepared an environmental assessment in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and determined project categorically exempt.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Budget Data / Summary of Bids
- Attachment 2 – Bid Schedule
- Attachment 3 – Draft Agreement
- Attachment 4 – Project Location Map

cc: City Manager Eddie Manfro