

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: May 5, 2026
TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager
BY: Cassandra Sanchez, Director of Public Works / City Engineer
Brian Blackwell, Streets Operation Manager
SUBJECT: Vehicle Procurement – One (1) 2,000-Gallon Water Truck

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Valew Quality Truck Bodies – 1954 MFG for the purchase of one (1) 2027 Mack MD642R water truck in the not-to-exceed amount of \$119,883.

BACKGROUND

This new water truck will replace a twenty-one-year-old unit that has reached the end of its useful life, as annual maintenance costs now exceed its salvage value. Assets that require higher-than-expected lifetime maintenance expenditures to remain operational are recommended for replacement.

Water trucks play a critical role on worksites throughout the City, particularly in areas with limited or unreliable water sources. Applying moisture before compaction is necessary to achieve proper density, which is vital for stable road bases. Water trucks are also essential for controlling dust generated by shoulder and road-grading activities.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Hesperia Public Works released a Request for Bid (RFB) 2025-26-018 for one (1) 2,000-gallon water truck on April 5, 2026, soliciting bids from twenty-one (21) vendors, both locally and from surrounding regions, to maximize bid response. The bid closed on April 21, 2026, with three (3) responses received. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Valew Quality Truck Bodies – 1954 MFG, who has been deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a total bid amount of \$119,883.

The existing twenty-one-year-old unit has experienced increasing mechanical failures and escalating repair costs over the past several years. Continued investment in major repairs is no longer cost-effective and results in operational downtime that impacts field crews. Replacing the unit will improve reliability, reduce maintenance expenses, and ensure that Public Works has the necessary equipment to support construction, grading, dust control, and emergency response activities.

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CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Public Safety- Ensure public safety resources adequately protect our community.

Financial Health - Maintain a balanced budget and adequate reserves.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adequate reserves exist in the Public Works Streets fund 263 for the proposed purchase of this one (1) 2,000-gallon water truck.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Bid Comparison