EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Public Works Agency (Agency) is requesting authorization to purchase a lowboy tractor for the Roads Division. The Agency utilized bid pricing from the HGACBuy cooperative purchase program.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Authorize Public Works Director, or designee, to purchase a Freightliner SD Detroit tractor based on pricing from the HGACBuy cooperative purchase program, with a not to exceed amount of $130,262.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Agency (Agency) uses its lowboy tractor-trailer combination for hauling heavy equipment, such as bulldozers, throughout the County. The tractor currently used by the Agency was purchased in 1988 and no longer meets the needs of the County.

Many parts for the 21 year-old tractor are no longer available for purchase, and therefore cannot be replaced. To avoid being without replacement parts the Agency has restricted the use of the tractor to flat grades in order to limit stress and strain on the aging parts. The Agency has contracted with area trucking companies to haul equipment during this period of limited use, though this is not ideal as it limits the Agency’s autonomy, especially during emergencies.

Additionally, the current tractor is not California Air Resources Board (CARB) compliant. In an effort to achieve CARB compliance across the Agency’s fleet, and to better serve the needs of the public, the Agency wishes to replace the existing tractor with a new one.

The Board previously approved the purchase of this fixed asset in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Road Fund budget.
HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program is a nationwide, government procurement service established to make government procurement more efficient. All contracts available to HGAC members have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with California statutes. Membership in the cooperative affords the County a more efficient procurement process and access to volume purchasing pricing and discounts. The Board approved membership at their meeting on August 21, 2018.

**FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACTS(S):**

In fiscal years 2017 through 2019, the Agency spent $17,710.63 on parts and labor for maintenance of the current tractor.

The approved 2019-20 budget for Road Fund fixed assets is $550,000; with $210,590.96 already authorized for expenditure. The purchase price of $130,262 includes delivery, but does not include taxes. The Public Works Agency is responsible for paying taxes upon receipt of the new truck.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:**

Staff considered four manufacturers for the new tractor: International, Peterbilt, Kenworth, and Freightliner. Peterbilt was quickly eliminated due to the higher cost. After a thorough review of the quotes received, staff selected the Freightliner SD Detroit. The Detroit motor was selected over the Cummins for its increased durability; this decision added an additional $2,304 to the purchase price. Staff’s experience suggests that the Freightliner SD Detroit is the best option for the County.

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Proposed Purchase Agreement (PW18-054)
HGACBuy Contract Pricing Worksheet
Specification Proposal for Glenn County - Freightliner SD