



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
**November 13, 2007**

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Irrigation Equipment Purchase**

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) suspending formal competitive bidding requirement in the best interests of the City; and 2) authorizing the City Manager or designee to purchase Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment from John Deere Landscapes in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$200,000 through July 31, 2008.

**Contact:** Robert J. Fleming, Park Operations Manager, 808-6301  
Wally Cole, Administrative Officer, 808-6203

**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Park Operations

**Organization No:** 4728

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) must purchase central irrigation system equipment for installation in nine parks as part of its citywide park irrigation infrastructure improvement project (PN:LW82). Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment is the only brand that is compatible with the existing irrigation equipment in the City's parks.

**Policy Considerations:** The recommendation in this report is in accordance with City Code section 3.56.230(c) which, upon two-thirds vote by the City Council, authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding for any purchase or contract when it is in the best interests of the City.

Maintaining park facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance sustainability and liveability in the City of Sacramento.

Using creative strategies to finance park maintenance service delivery is consistent with the policies in the City Council adopted *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* including:

**Policy 6.1:** Develop and implement financing strategies that provide for the meeting of Department service level Goals for all capital,



maintenance, programming, staffing, and operational needs from dedicated sources to the maximum extent possible, including new and innovative approaches, as approved by elected officials and/or the electorate as needed.

**Policy 7.5:** Seek funding for the anticipated level of activity associated with each site so that routine maintenance functions (such as mowing, restroom services, and trash removal) are adequately provided.

In addition, applying for capital grants is an element in the Implementation Strategies section of the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* that states:

**Implementation 7.1: Irrigation:** Progressively implement the automated Centralized Irrigation System to achieve water conservation and increased maintenance efficiency.

**Commission/Committee Action:** On February 24, 2004, the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation supported staff's recommendation to prepare a Proposition 50 Urban Water Use Efficiency grant. Purchase of the central irrigation equipment is consistent with the implementation of the grant.

**Environmental Considerations:** The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the action of purchasing central irrigation equipment does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

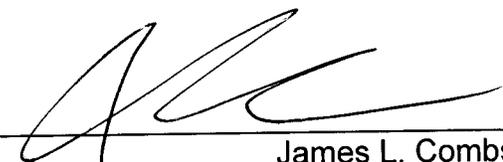
**Rationale for Recommendation:** It is in the best interest of the City to suspend competitive bidding and authorize the City Manager or designee to purchase Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment from John Deere Landscapes in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$200,000 through July 31, 2008 for the following reasons:

- The City Council adopted Resolution No.2007-041 establishing a Capital Improvement Program (PN:LW82) for citywide park irrigation infrastructure improvements on January 23, 2007.
- Per grant funding requirements, the Department of Parks and Recreation is required to deliver nine Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant – funded citywide park irrigation infrastructure improvement projects by July 2008.
- Installation of central irrigation systems is one component of the citywide park irrigation infrastructure improvements. The Department of Parks and Recreation needs to purchase Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment to complete PN:LW82 because it is the only brand that is compatible with the existing irrigation equipment in the City's parks.

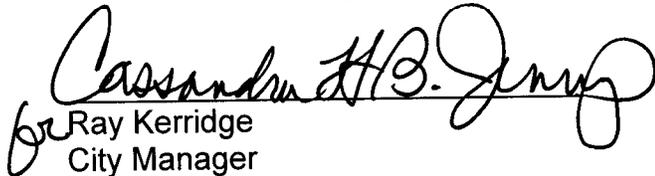
- John Deere Landscapes is the only regional supplier of the Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment, provides local onsite service, installation, training, and repairs under a 5-year warranty. The availability of on-site service from John Deere Landscapes has been confirmed with the manufacturer.

**Financial Considerations:** No additional funding is requested. There is sufficient funding in PN:LW82 to fund this purchase.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** John Deere Landscapes is not a certified Emerging/Small Business.

Approved by:   
James L. Combs  
Director, Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- On January 23, 2007 City Council adopted Resolution No.2007-041 establishing a Capital Improvement Program (PN:LW82) for citywide park irrigation infrastructure improvements. The project's primary objective is to increase water conservation in city parks and increase the efficiency of park irrigation systems. To meet this objective, at minimum each selected park location needs: a booster pump, backflow preventer, a fully tuned irrigation system, and a central control system.
- After an extensive product review process, which included several local and small businesses, Department of Parks and Recreation staff selected the Rainmaster central irrigation system as its primary system. Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment is the only brand that is compatible with the existing irrigation equipment in the City's parks.
- The Department of Parks and Recreation needs to purchase Rainmaster central irrigation equipment to complete the central irrigation installation portion of the project. John Deere Landscapes is the only regional supplier of the Rainmaster equipment, provides local onsite service, installation, training, and repairs under a 5-year warranty. The availability of on-site service from John Deere Landscapes has been confirmed with the manufacturer.
- Staff recommends that the City Council suspend the City's formal competitive bidding process in the best interests of the City and authorize the City Manager or designee to purchase Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment from John Deere Landscapes in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$200,000 through July 31, 2008.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**November 13, 2007**

**IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT PURCHASE  
(PN:LW82)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City Council adopted Resolution No.2007-041 establishing a Capital Improvement Program (PN:LW82) for citywide park irrigation infrastructure improvements on January 23, 2007.
- B. Installation of central irrigation systems is one component of the citywide park irrigation infrastructure improvements. Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment is the only brand that is compatible with the existing irrigation equipment in the City's parks.
- C. John Deere Landscapes is the only regional supplier of the Rainmaster central irrigation system equipment.
- D. Based on estimates provided by John Deere Landscapes, Department of Parks and Recreation staff estimates that the Rainmaster Central Irrigation system equipment needed to complete PN:LW82 will cost no more than \$200,000. Adequate funds exist in PN:LW82 to fund purchase of the equipment.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. Formal competitive bidding is suspended is suspended in the best interest of the City.
- Section 2. The City Manager or designee is authorized to purchase Rainmaster central irrigation equipment from John Deere Landscapes in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$200,000 through July 31, 2008.