



City of Chula Vista

Staff Report

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-022 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2012 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION "GREENBOOK," 2012 SAN DIEGO REGIONAL SUPPLEMENT AND THE 2015 CITY OF CHULA VISTA STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

In 2012, the "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction", commonly known as the "Greenbook" was revised to reflect changes in technologies, specifications, and performance tests for the construction industry. Staff has revised the City of Chula Vista Standard Special Provisions to reflect changes made in the 2012 "Greenbook" as well as adding specifications specifically for the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Environmental Review Coordinator has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA, and has determined that the activity is not a Project as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines therefore pursuant to Section 15060 c 3 of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA review. Although environmental review is not necessary at this time environmental review will be required prior to the approval of individual projects.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

The Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Greenbook)

The Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, also known as the "Greenbook", provides general specifications used in Public Works construction projects. Most local agencies use the "Greenbook" to provide contractors with more uniformity when competitively bidding projects. The "Greenbook" is revised by Public Works Standards, Inc., an organization comprised of members from the American Public Works Association, the Associated General Contractors of California, the Engineering Contractors Association, the Southern California Contractors Association, and BNi Publications, Inc. The current "Greenbook", which was published in 2012, contains revisions that reflect changes in technology, specifications and performance tests used in the construction industry.

San Diego Regional Supplement

Whenever the “Greenbook” is updated, the San Diego Regional Standards Committee, which is made up of local agencies and members of the construction industry, reviews the new “Greenbook” and prepares the San Diego Regional Supplement. The San Diego Regional Supplement provides specifications that address the unique conditions of the San Diego region that were not addressed in the 2012 “Greenbook”. The 2012 San Diego Regional Supplement to the “Greenbook” has been approved by the San Diego Regional Standards Committee.

City of Chula Vista Standard Special Provisions

Finally, it is also standard practice for cities to have additional changes to the “Greenbook” that address the design and construction requirements pertaining solely to projects within the City’s jurisdiction. The proposed City of Chula Vista Standard Special Provisions (dated January 2015) have been revised to include the City’s changes to Part I, General Provisions of the “Greenbook” as well as construction materials and methods. This will eliminate the need to reproduce these Special Provision items in our CIP contracts.

Generally, these Special Provisions revisions reflect grammatical changes needed to match the 2012 “Greenbook” as well as deleting sections regarding Traffic Plate Bridging, Asphalt Concrete Mixtures and certain asphalt construction methods because this latest “Greenbook” update has provided additional sections addressing these concerns.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations section 18704.2 (a)(1), is not applicable to this decision. Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City’s Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. The adoption of the 2012 “Greenbook” and update to the City of Chula Vista Standard Special Provisions supports Operational Excellence as it allows the City to take advantage of the latest achievements in construction materials and construction methods developed specifically to our region.

CURRENT YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

The adoption of these updated documents will have a minimal fiscal impact to the General Fund for purchasing and printing costs estimated at \$500. These costs are included in the Public Works Department operating budget as a routine item.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There are no ongoing fiscal impacts associated with adoption of these updated documents.

ATTACHMENTS

City of Chula Vista 2015 Chula Vista Standard Special Provisions

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